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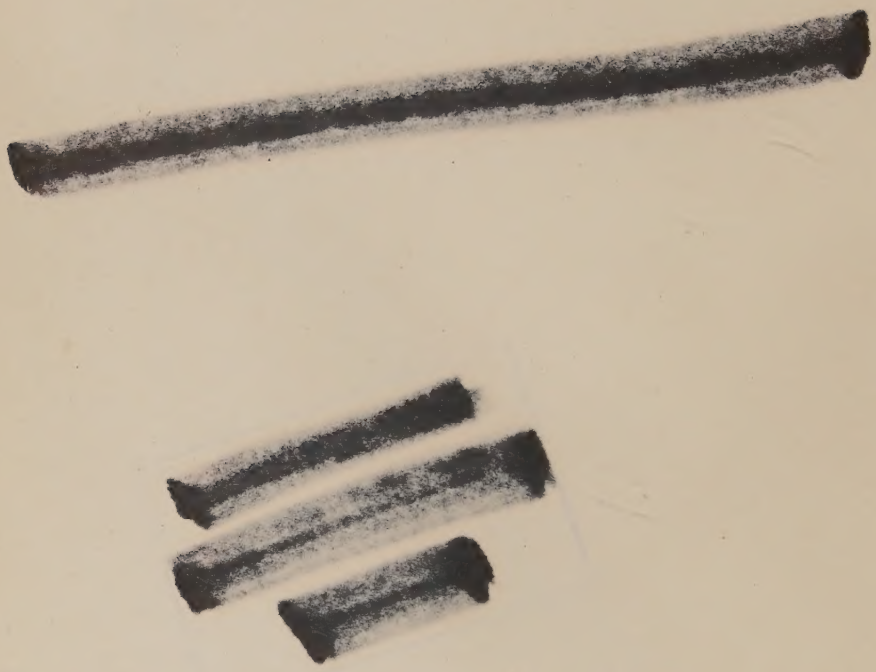

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Correspondence of the Brothers

Joshua and Jedediah Huntington

During the Period of the American Revolution

IN TWO PARTS

HARTFORD
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PREFACE.

The Huntingtons of Norwich are one of the noted families of Connecticut, and the period of the Revolution is recognized as one of the most important in the history of this country. The correspondence here published, consisting as it does of letters written in large part by and to two Huntington brothers during the Revolutionary War, when one of them was in active service in field and camp and the other, perhaps no less active, in the necessary occupations of home pursuits and business affairs, relating in part to the war, makes a volume of wide and lasting interest and value.

The originals of these letters are from two sources. Those in the first part of the volume, comprising the correspondence of Col. Joshua Huntington, are owned by his great-great-grandson, Mr. Roger Wolcott of Milton, Mass. They were copied and edited for the press by Mr. Edward Gray of Milton, through whose courtesy and that of their owner this Society is enabled to print them; and they are here printed as submitted by the editor without comparison with the originals by this Society.

The originals of the Gen. Jedediah Huntington correspondence, which forms the second part of the volume, are the property of this Society, and have been in its possession for the last fourteen years. They were presented to it by the late William C. Gilman of Norwich, Conn., a descendant of the Huntingtons, in whose possession they had previously been for many years.

ALBERT C. BATES,
Chairman of Publication Committee.

The Society's Library, March 22, 1923.

INTRODUCTION.

Joshua Huntington, son of Jabez Huntington and his second wife, Hannah (Williams), was born at Norwich, Connecticut, on August 16, 1751. At the age of twenty, he started in business in his native town as a merchant, and married, on December 11, 1771, Hannah Huntington (1750-1815), daughter of Judge Hezekiah and Dorothy (Williams). After the battle of Lexington, he hastened to Cambridge, and was commissioned first lieutenant in John Durkee's company, General Putnam's regiment on May 1, 1775; but towards the end of the year, when the army was reorganized, he went home to assist his father with his business, rejoining the army in 1776, during the operations around New York. At the end of 1776, he left the army for good, and engaged in commercial pursuits, in forwarding supplies to the troops, and in building the Continental frigate "Confederacy." He was commissioned captain in the Connecticut militia in 1776, major, in May 1777, and lieutenant colonel, in May 1780. At the close of the war, he continued his commercial enterprises, and died, at Norwich, on January 31, 1821.

The majority of the following letters are either to, or from him; the remainder of them are to other members of his family, all of whom, were active in the cause of the Colonies, either serving in the army or furnishing supplies to the fighting forces. E. G.

Milton, Massachusetts, 1918.

Jedediah Huntington was born in Norwich, Conn., Aug. 4, 1743, the eldest child of Gen. Jabez Huntington and his first wife Elizabeth (Backus). He was graduated from Harvard College in the class of 1763, and also received a master's degree from Yale College in 1770. Returning to Norwich, he engaged with his father in commercial pursuits. He was active in the militia, rising to the rank of

colonel in 1774. The following year he entered active service at the breaking out of the Revolution, and in July was commissioned colonel of the eighth regiment raised in the state for Continental service. Later he became colonel of the 1st regiment "Connecticut Line" and on May 12, 1777 he was promoted to brigadier general in the Continental Army, it is said at the request of General Washington. He continued in active service throughout the war and retired with the disbanding of the army in June 1783.

Present, no doubt, at the battle of Lexington, as he was in camp at Roxbury five days previous; he continued in service around Boston until after its evacuation by the British, when he marched with the army to the vicinity of New York. He aided during 1776 in repulsing the British at Danbury; the next year was with General Putnam at Peekskill, later was near Philadelphia and endured the hardships of the winter at Valley Forge.

Again he was in various places around New York and on the Hudson. He continued at West Point until the autumn of 1783, and while there was one of a committee which drafted the constitution of the Society of the Cincinnati. At the close of the war he was brevetted a major general.

He resumed business in Norwich and held many public offices. Was a member of the state convention which adopted the constitution of the United States. In 1789 he was appointed collector of customs for the port of New London and continued in the office until shortly before his death, which occurred in that city Sept. 25, 1818.

General Huntington married for his first wife May 1, 1766, Faith, the daughter of Governor Jonathan Trumbull. She died in December 1775, at the age of 32, leaving one child. His second wife, whom he married April 9, 1778, was Ann, often called Nancy, the daughter of Thomas Moore of New York City. She survived her husband, and was the mother of six children. A. C. B.

HARTFORD, CONN., 1923.

Part I

Correspondence of
Col. Joshua Huntington
(and other members of the
huntington family)

1771-1783

HUNTINGTON PAPERS.

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Invoice of Sundrys Purchased by Peter Vandervoort and shipt on Board the sloop Salley, Jabez Lord, master by order and for Acc't of Mr. Joshua Huntington, Merchant at Norwich Vizt.

I°H 1. Tierce of Tea	
No. 27 w. 281li	
60 tr. 221li Neat @ 4/6	£49.14. 6
30 li. Indigo in a Cagg Marked IH with some for your Brother Jedidiah Huntington * @ 10/9	16. 2. 6
3. doz. hart Tile . . @ 5/6 . .	0.16. 6
1. large Brass Nocker	0.16. 0
Carting Tea	1. 1. 0
	67.10. 6
my Com's on Tea and Indigo @ 1¼ per Ct.	0.16.10
	£68. 7. 4
To Ball'e of Acc't due me from Jabez Huntington† Esq. Charged your Acct. agreeable to your order . . .	3.13. 0
	£72. 0. 4

* Huntington, Jedidiah (1743-1818), son of Jabez and Elizabeth (Backus). He graduated at Harvard in 1763, Yale 1770 A.M., and went into commercial pursuits with his father. He was an active Captain of Militia, and joined the army at Cambridge, where he was promoted to the command of a regiment April 1775; Colonel, Continental Infantry 1776; Brigadier General in the Continental Army, May 12, 1777. He served until the close of the war, when he resumed business in his native town of Norwich; in 1789, he was appointed collector of the customs at New London. He married, first May 1, 1766, Faith Trumbull, daughter of Governor Trumbull, who died in 1775; and secondly, April 9, 1778, Ann Moore, daughter of Thomas.

† Huntington, Jabez (1719-86), son of Joshua and Hannah (Perkins). He graduated from Yale in 1741, and married, first, January 20, 1741-2, Elizabeth Backus (1721-45) daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Tracy). He married, secondly, July 10, 1746, Hannah Williams (1726-1807), daughter of Rev. Ebenezer of Pomfret. He was elected to the General Assembly of Connecticut in 1750-63, and to the House of Assistants, 1764-81. Went into West India trade, and at the commencement of the Revolution owned a large amount of shipping. Appointed Major General of Connecticut Militia in 1775.

New York Aug't 29, 1771

Dear Sir

I have yours of the 20th Inst. per Capt. Lord with Eight Barrells Pot ash, which are Inspected, but not yet sold, shall Dispose of them as soon as Poss'e to best advantage and send you sales.

I now send you by Capt. Lord all the Articles you was pleased to write for (save the Brass thumb Latch which is not to be had unless made here) as per Invoice above amounting too £68.7.4 all which I wish saif to hand and to Satisfaction. the 30 li. Indigo is in a Cagg with some sent your Brother Jedidiah which you will please to Divide.

Inclosd you have your fathers Acct. Ball'e due me £3.13.0 which I have Charged you with as above with Respect I am in any of your Commands your friend and Hum. Serv't

PETER VANDERVOORT

P. S. I have lost my little Son about 12 days ago. my love to your Brother Eben'r.*

P. S. no water Millons to be had that is worth Eating. Pot and Pearl ash £55 per Ton.

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York Sept'r 20, 1771

Dear Sir

Yesterday I received yours of the 17th Inst. and note its Contents. The Articles you have wrote for shall go by Capt. Stockwell if they are to be had.

your Potash is still on hand unsold. I have as yet been offerd no more than 50/ per Ct. for it, and am still in hopes when the London Vessells git in it will be in better demand and again git to 55/ but in Case it should not Rise,

* Huntington, Ebenezer (1754-1834), son of Jabez and Hannah (Williams). He graduated at Yale in 1775. Joined the army at Roxbury in 1775 and was appointed First Lieutenant of Connecticut troops promoted to Captain 1776, and in 1777 commissioned Major in Colonel Samuel B. Webb's regiment; Lieutenant Colonel, October 1778. After the war retired to private life, and in 1792 appointed Adjutant-General of the Connecticut Militia; Brigadier-General United States Army, 1798. Member of the United States House of Representatives 1810, 1817-19.

should be glad of your advise whether to sell it at 50/ per Ct. annext you have Price Curr't. Shall write you by Stockwell. with Resp't I am Your most humble Serv't

PETER VANDERVOORT.

Price Curr't
Molass. 21d if good for Retail'g
W India Rum 3/9 to 4/
Jamaco do. 4/9 to 5/ } if high Proof and good Tasted.
N York do. 2/4
Sugars 40/ to 60/
Loaf do. 13d.
Bohea Tea 4/5 to 4/6
Pot and Pearl ash 50/ per Ct.

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York Sept'r 21, 1771

Dear Sir

I wrote you per Capt. Lord to which Refer you. I now herewith send you by Sam'l Stockwell, three Papor Bundles Containing 14 pices Papor Hangings and 1½ piece Bordering as per Invoice annexd amounting too £3.18.0 which I wish saif to hand and to satisfaction with Respect I am Sir your most hum'e Serv't

PETER VANDERVOORT.

14 pieces Papor Hangings @ 5/ . .	3.10. 0
1½ piece Bordering do. . 5/ . .	0. 7. 6
Carting . . .	0. 0. 6
	£3.18. 0

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York Octo'r 26, 1771

Dear Sir

Annext you have sales of the 8 Barr's Potash Rec'd some time since Neat proceeds being £57.8.10 to your Credit, and annext also you have sales of the four Barrells now Rec'd per Capt. Stockwell Neat proceeds being

£31.10.6 to your Credit, booth which hope will meet your approbation, as they are sold for the highest markit price, that was given when they ware sold. yesterday our Merch'ts Raised Pot ash to 52/6 as we have now three ships in bound for London. I now herewith send you by Samuel Stockwell, One Quarter Cask of Tenerief wine and one Keg with Indigo as per Invoice Inclosd amounting £18.11.3 which I wish saif to hand and to satisfaction. the Lisbon wine is not to be had. with Respect I am in haste your obliged Servant

PETER VANDERVOORT.

Sales of 8 Barrells Potash Rec'd per Capt. Lord from Norwich and sold for Acc't and Risque of Mr. Joshua Huntington, Merchant there Vizt.

I°H By Cash for the whole Vizt.

No. 1.	3.2. 7	First Sort
2.	3.2.12	
3.	3.2. 5	
4.	3.3.10	
5.	3.2. 7	
6.	3.1.12	
7.	3.3. 2	
8.	3.3.26	
	29.0.25	
	3.2.17	tr. at 14 per Ct.
	25.2. 8	Nt. @ 51/ per Ct. . . £60.4.1½

Charges on Ditto

To freight paid Lord	@ 2/	0.16. 0
To half Insp'g 25.2.8	2d	0. 4. 3
To 11 hoops put on do.	2d	0. 1.10
To your Propor'n of Cockit etc. paid Lord		0. 3. 1½
To p'd Carting to Inspectors		0. 2. 0
To p'd Carting to my Store		0. 2. 0
To storage of do.		0. 2. 0

To my Com's on £60.4.1½ @ 2 per Ct. 1. 4. 1

2.15. 3½

To your Acc't Curr't for the Neat Proceeds being . . . £57. 8.10

£60.4.1½

NEW YORK Octo'r 22d 1771
Errors Excepted

PETER VANDERVOORT.

[In another hand,]
there is Eror in the Cariing out the Above Potash £5.0.0.

Sales of Four Barrells of Potash Rec'd per Capt. Stockwell from Norwich, and sold for Acc't of Mr. Joshua Huntington, Merchant there Vizt.

By Cash for the whole

No. 1.	3.	1.14	
2.	3.	1.24	
3.	3.	3.10	
4.	3.	2.27	
14.	1.19	C. q. l.	
1.	3. 6	tr. 12. 2. 13. N't @ 52/6 .	£33.2.4

Charges on Ditto.

To fright pd. Stockwell of do. @ 2/ .	0. 8. 0	
To your part of Cockit pd. do. . .	0. 6. 2	
To p'd Carting to Inspectors . . .	0 1. 0	
To half Inspecting . . @ 2d .	0. 2. 1	
To 8 hoops put on do. . . 2d .	0. 1. 4	
To my Com's 2 per Ct.	0.13. 3	
	1.11.10	
To your Acc't Curr't for the Neat proceeds being	31.10. 6	
		£33.2.4

NEW YORK Octo'r 26, 1771
Errors Excepted

PETER VANDERVOORT.

ISAAC ABELL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

CAPE FRANCIES 11th Nov'r 1771

Dear sir

we arived hear the 29th of Last Month after a Pasage of six weeks and find Times, Extreemly dull there being no less then ten or twelve English Vesels from the northward which brought large quantities of Pickeld fish and ognions, which make the markit very low. There is two sloops one brig and one ship which ware Dismasted in the same harricane that I mett with the like Misfortune, also a Leven at the Mold. have sold the whole Barrils Beef for Eight Dolors a Barril the half Barrils for five Peces of Eight the Pickeld fish for fifteen Livers, the Ognions ware jamd, wett and many of them Rotten, not a whole Bunch among them all, but have sold all at a lump for nine Pistoles. Am oblidged to Imploy a merch't not being alow'd to sell myself, have sold the Schooner for one hundred and Sixty Eight Pounds fifteen shillings Currency of this Island, not haveing a nuff Cargo left to Repare her she not haveing no other Spars but one gaft bosplit, and a Peace of a boom, and one anchor and Cable only and scarcely any Riggen haveing Lost all besides in the harricane which you have an acc't of in the News Paper and no dought will have all the Porticklers in a Letter which I wrote to your father at Tirks Island and sent by Capt. Baker bound to Rhodisland. have sold one hhd. of fish for twenty seven Livers a Quintle, and what Pork was left for fourteen Peaces of Eight a Barril, the Remander of the Cargo not menchend not sold, but shall Dispose of it as soon as posable and after buisness is done shall Proseed home in the first Vissel that bound any where nigh home. have this Day Discharged two hand, who have got Wages on board other Vesels. horses and Shugar hhd staves that are very Long sell here Very well, horses according to goodness Sugar hhd staves at £20. a thousand, but such as them that I brought sell only for £7. a thousand. Dear sir there shall nothing be left ondone thats in My Power to do for the Intrest of that Honorable famaly which I am under the Strongest Obligations to

serve and to which you belong. This Dear sir from your Oblidged friend,

ISAAC ABELL.

Compliments to your famaly and all Friends. we Lost all our sails but the Mainsail.

BENJAMIN CLARKE TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston 20th March 1772.

Mr. Joshua Huntington

Sir, — I am favour'd with yours of the 6th Instant and Agreable to your desire have sent you the Brasses you wrote for, Acco't of which you have Underneath. they are sent by Capt. Harris who will deliver them to you. I am Sir Your most H'ble Serv't

BENJA. CLARKE.

Boston 20th March 1772.

Jabez Huntington Esq & Son
Bought of Benja. Clarke

34 Brass Handles . .	at 11/doz.	£1. 11. 2	
17 Escutions for Do .	do. 5½ d.	0. 7. 9½	£1. 18. 11½

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York March 31st 1772.

Dear Sir

This Serves Just to hand you price Curr't of this markit, which is as below, also price Curr't of Molass. Rum and flower at Phil'a 27th Inst. we have nothing new, here, a Packit got in yesterday, but had 10 weeks Passage.

we have lately had two Seizures made here of Tea and Wines. with Complyments to Mrs. Huntington, I am Your most H'e Serv't

PETER VANDERVOORT.

Price Curr't, N. York
Molasses 20½
W India Rum 3/6 } fear will fall and Dull
Jamaco do. 4/6 }
Sugars 30/ to 45/ very plenty and Dull
Coffee about 15d
Cocoa 90/
Bohea Tea 4/ per Cask
flower 21/ and Rising
Wheat 7/6 to 7/9
Rye 5/6
Exch'g on London 75 per Ct.
no Price for Pot and Pearl ash, as their is none at markit

Price Curr't in Phil'a the 27th Inst.
Molasses 18½ to 19
W India Rum 3/6
flower 19/6

Please advise your brother Jed'h of Price Curr't.

ISAAC ABELL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

St. Pears, Martinico 11th June 1772.

Dear Sir

We arived hear the 4th of this mounth and Capt. Chester has sold the oxen for Eighteen Pounds ten shillings ahead and 1 Rone horse for thirty three Pounds and a sorril horse for the same money, also one Black horse belonging Mr. Jed: Huntington for thirty Pounds there is two horses ashore yet unsold and 9 on board. has also sold Eighteen thousand and a half of hoops 14 of which, at six Pounds twelve shillings the others at six, the staves and shingles are sold but at what Price I know not. have not yet had any Oppertunity to go to the Granado. Capt. Chester designs to go to the Granado with the brig in two or three Days, as there is no Prospect of selling any more horses here there being sundry English Jockeys here four of which Came in sence we arived here he expects 12 or 14 hhd.

Molasses to morrow. the Price of Molosses is 22 Souse a Gallon. the Larg stone horse got a bad hook from an ox in his belly which I'm fear'd will do him Damage. We had a fine time of the Courst, the 6th day after we saild we made Burmudas Rite a head and the wind blowing almost a gail from N. we halld our wind to the westward and Carred all the sail that she could wag under and weatherd the Island Cleare of all Danger. My highest Respects to all that shall give them selves the trouble to Ask after your Sencear friend and Very humble Serv't

ISAAC ABELL

My Regards to your brother Andrew,* have not sold nither his shoats nor Chese they bare no Price att all here. the Markit being overrun Immagin they will do much better att the Granado.

we have yet 8 Bundles of hay and I immagen a hundred Bushels of Oates.

Compliments to Capt. A. Waterman have sold my horse for Eighty Eight Dollors should have wrote to many others of my friend but have but a moments time to write this.

I wrote the former Part of this Letter this Morning, and it now being in the afternoon Can add that the 2 horses that ware a shore are now sold for 9 half Johann's Each, and further that we are agoing to Land 2 more, also there is a schooner agoing to the Granados tomorrow and Capt. Chester Designs to send me in her he haveing some Incouragement this day that he shall sell all here.

I. A.

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Invoice of Sundrys shipt by Peter Vandervoort on board Sloop Sally, Jabez Lord, master by order and for Acc't of Mr. Joshua Huntington Merch't at Norwich Vizt.

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*Huntington, Andrew (1745-1814), son of Jabez and Elizabeth (Backus). He engaged in commercial pursuits, and was commissary of brigade during the Revolution.

64 Bars Refined Iron wt. 20c.0.16 @ 32/	£32.	4.	7
Carting do.	0.	2.	0
293 li. Tea (to be taken out of two hhd. sent to C. Liffingwell Esqr.) @ 4/	58.	12.	0
Carting do. your Proportion . .	0.	1.	0
my Com's on Tea 2½ per Ct. . .	1.	9.	3
	£92.	8.	10

Tea is on One months Credit.
New York Aug't 10, 1772.

Dear Sir

Agreeable to your memorandum given me at Norwich, I now herewith send you by Capt. Jabez Lord, Sixty four Barrs Refind Iron and 293 li. Tea as per Invoice above which I wish saif to hand and to Satisfaction, the Tea is in two Rum hhds. and sent to Mr. Liffingwell, who will divide it between you, your brother and himself, as also the Lead that is in it. its best to take your Prop'n out of Each hhd. as one may be better than the other I have Engaged to pay for the Tea in a month. Pot ash still 40/ per Ct. and am told some has sold as low as 38/. Molasses is 20d to 20 1/2d.

I am with Complyments to Mrs. Huntington Your most humble Servant

PETER VANDERVOORT.

P. S. have sent a Particular Bill of the Weight of Ea. hhd. Tea to C. Liffingwell.

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Groton Aug't 24th 1772

Dear Sir

This goes by Springers Passage Boat, with about One Hundred Water Millons. I put them on board Capt. Tinker for One Hundred, but we used some of them on the Passage, and suppose there will be about 5 or 6 short. Capt.

Tinker puts them on board the Passage Boat at N London, so that I cannot now tell you the Exact quantity so will be kind Enough to Divide them between yourself and Brother Jedediah Huntington.

I expect by the last of this week or first of next to be with Mrs. Vandervoort at Norwich in our way to Hartford. with Complyments to Mrs. Huntington, I am Your most humble Servant

PETER VANDERVOORT.

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York Sept'r 25, 1772.

Dear Sir

This to advise you Price Current of this market and Particularly of Potash, which now sells at 35/ per Ct. Cash, and 36/ in Payment for Dry goods. as Severall of our English ships are come in and will Load emediately again for London, Immagine the price of Pot ash will keep at 35/ and perhaps may Rise a little as those Ships want freight.

times are very dull, amd mony is Exceeding Scarce. the Person I had the Tea of for you has Called on me, and if its Convenient to you to Remit for it, it will greatly oblige me. I am with Complyments to Mrs. Huntington, Your most humble Serv't

PETER VANDERVOORT.

Molasses 20d
Good W India Rum 3/8
Sugars 35/ to 52/
Loaf do. 12
Tea 4/
flower 22/6

SIMEON POTTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Bristol Oct't 4 1772

Sir

Agreable to your orders per Capt. Ingraham I send you 9 Gall'ds and 3/4 Clarat Wine in your two hampers at

4/6 per Gal'd. Shuld be Very Glad if it Suted you to Send me the amo't thearof in good hoops per the Returne of Capt. Ingraham as I want them to hoop Guinea hhds. Thay must be Very Tuf hoop and hold thear bigness at the Little End or thay Will not Due Mrs. Potter joins in Comp's to your Good Lady ant Huntington Betsey William and Coll. Huntington with Sir your Humble Ser't

SIMEON POTTER

WILLIAM WATTLES TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London Octo'r 4th 1772

Mr. Huntington Sir

I am Oblig'd to Draw on You For Twenty Shillings to Pay the Fees in the Officers and Hope Springer Will be Down to Night With My Square Saile Boom as I Exspect a Teme To Go To Sea To Morrow. Yours to Serve

WILLIAM WATTLES.*

Fees in the Custom House .	£2.	4. –
Hospatle Money . . .	0.	8. –
Nav'l Office	0.	14. 6
Advance To Rose . . .	3.	7. 2
	6.	13. 8
Money from You . £5. 9. 6. / Ditto from Capt Corew 1	£6.	9. 6
Ballance in My Favour	0.	4. 2

WILLIAM WATTLES TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octo'r 6th 1772

Mr. Huntington Sir

Mr. Tood Left me Last Evening and I Have Tried all this Morning to Ship a Nother but Cant If You Can Git one and Send Down to Day Should Be Glad. he Was Takin by arest yesterday and I Gave my Word and am Brought in for Twenty Eight Shillings if You think it is

* Wattles, William, Captain of privateers during the Revolution.

Best to advertise him You Will He is Not on the Shiping Bill Has Carried of all His Close But his Coat and Shois Which I Have Got from Your Humble Servant

WILLIAM WATTLES

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York Octo'r 7th 1772

Dear Sir

I have your kind favour of the 24th ulto. Inclosing Mr. Nath'l Shaws Bill on myself for Ninety pounds for which have Credited your Acco't. good Bohea Tea still keeps at 4/ and their is no likelyhood of its falling Annext you have price Curr't, with Regard I am your most humble Servant

PETER VANDERVOORT.

Price Current
Molasses if very good 20½d to 21d
West India Rum if good 3/10 to 4/
Jamaco spirits 4/9 to 4/10
Sugars 35/ to 52/
flower 23/
wheat 8/6
Potash 35/ to 36/
Exch'g on London at 70 per Ct. for half Jo's and Dollers and 72½ per Ct. for paper.

WILLIAM WATTLES TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London Octo'r 11th 1772

Mr. Huntington Sir

I am this Moment Going under Way. I Have Ben Hamper'd as Much as Man Can be With my Peaple. I Catcht thomas Tood Two Days ago and theis Morning he Gave me the Slip he is Gown of With Nothing But his Close on Which are a Jackett Without Sleaves Trowzers No Shoes Nor Stockens It Will best To Advertise him as I amagin he Will be Esely Catcht and I am the Sum of

Tow Pounds in Advance Besides His first Mounths Pay he Has Sigh'd the Portege Bill

from Your Humble Servant

WILLIAM WATTLES.

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York Dec'r 1, 1772

Dear Sir

I have yours of the 16th and 18th ulto. the latter per Capt. Aderton, with 257 Bushels Salt Water Measure, I have sold of the above salt thirty Bushels Water measure at 3/ and the Remainder I have shipt by Capt. Bull up Conecticut River to sell and shall do the best I can for you with it. It would by no means do to store the Salt and could not sell it, as a good deal was Expected, and Severall large Cargoes have since come in and they sell it at 2/6 and will be down to 2/3 Water measure, and I make no doubt shall do much better with yours then if I had kept it here. have not paid freight for the Salt.

I now send you by Capt. Jabez Lord, Six Casks Bread, Eight Barrells Tar and two Barr's Pitch as per Invoice Inclosd amounting to £26.2.9 which I wish saif to hand and to Satisfaction. Annext you have price Curr't. I am Your most humble Servant

PETER VANDERVOORT.

Molasses 22d to 23d
W India Rum 3/8 to 4/
Jamaco do. 4/4 to 4/10
Sugars 35/ to 52/
Potash 32/ to 33/
Pearl do. 42/ to 43/
flax seed 9/.

Sir

Since Writing the Within, I have also shipt for you per Capt. Lord One Tierce best New Rice Marked I°H w't N't 5.0.12 the price I cannot tell, as the Vessell is Just come in

and the price not broke, but I am to give as the Cargoe sells of which shall advise you in a few days.

P. VANDERVOORT.

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York December 15, 1772

Dear Sir

This Serves Just to hand you Invoice of the Cask Rice I shipt you per Lord, amount'g to £6.1.5 for which I have Debited you. I am with Respect your most humble S't

PETER VANDERVOORT.

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York Dec'r 22d, 1772

Dear Sir

Capt. Jabez Lord, called on me and told me you desired him to Call on me to git some good Indigo for you, and agree'e there to I herewith send you by Capt. Lord, One Stone pot with Indigo as per Invoice at foot amounting to £17.8.6 which I wish saif to hand and to Satisfaction. This Indigo I pay the Cash for and hope it will be Convenient to you to Reimburs me for it soon. I am, Your most humble Serv't

PETER VANDERVOORT.

1. Stone pot of 28 li. Indigoe @ 12/ .	£16.16.0
Pot 4/ and my Com's 8/6	0.12.6
	£17. 8.6

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Sales of a Parcell of Salt Rec'd per Capt. Aderton from Norwich and sold for Acc't of Mr. Joshua Huntington, Merchant there Vizt:

By Cash for 30 Bushels Water Meas'e @3/ .	£ 4.10.0
By Wm. Bull . 227 do. . do. . 2/6 .	28. 7.6
The Salt to Wm. Bull, I shipt by him and he has Concluded to take to him at said price	£32.17.6

Charges on Ditto.

To paid Measuring of do. @ 5/ per hd.	0.12. 6	
To paid Aderton for Trouble of Removing his Vessell to put salt on Board Bull	0. 8. 0	
To my Com's 2½ per Ct. . .	0.16. 5	
	1.16.11	
To your Acco't Curr't for the Neat Proceeds being . . .	31. 0. 7	£32.17.6

New York Feb'y 2d 1773

Errors Excepted

Peter Vandervoort.

Dear Sir

Above you have sales of the Salt I Rec'd per Capt. aderton, Neat proceeds being £31.0.7 which hope will meet your Approbation. Inclosd also you have your Acco't Curr't Ball'e due you £0.18.4 which please Examine and if you find Right, Conform your Books thereto with great Respect I am Your most humble Servant

PETER VANDERVOORT.

New York Feb'y 2d 1773.

PETER VANDERVOORT & CO. TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York Jan'y 26th 1775.

Sir

We have yours of the 2d Inst. advis'g your draw'g on us in favour of J. & G. Carpenter for £50 which have paid, we have as yet Engaged only about four Hundred Bushels of Foul seed for you at 2/, but have some Expectation of gitting as much more, if not more and only One man here Cleans it for sale and he will not set his Price yet untill all have done Cleaning so that he can know what he is to give

for his foul seed, which will be in about 10 or 12 days at farthest, by which time we shall know what Quantity we can git and Perhaps you can git a load of some thing for your Schooner so as to let her be here by that time and if not, advise us and how to ship it to you what we may git.

you will observe its uncertain as yet what Quantity of foul seed we may git more than the 400 Bushels, or if any of the Clean, but shall Inform you by next opp'y. we are your H. Serv'ts

PETER VANDERVOORT & Co.

New York Jan'y 27th 1775.

Sir

We have this day Engaged about four Hund'd Bushels of foul seed at 2/4, which makes the Whole Quantity of foul seed Now Engaged 800 Bushels.

we have also this morning Engaged five Hundred and Perhaps more of Cleand yallow seed at 4/ the Whole will be Ready in Ten days and beg your Schooner to be here, or give us orders how Else to send it. you Undoubtedly can hyre a Vessell Cheaper with you then we can hyre One here and shall wait your Answer before we ship it. they all want it away in 10 or 12 days or less. we are Your H'e S't

P. VANDERVOORT & Co.

Sir,

This evening we have yours of the 17th Inst. desiring three Tons of Pig Iron of Livingstons, to be sent, they are not to be had for love or mony, so that they Cannot be sent. Sterl'g Pig Iron is to be had and is Preferable to Livingstons. on Monday Night the Committee meet and shall then apply to them for a Certificate, for the Buntin and make no doubt it was Imported in time and if even it Arrived here after first Dec'r, it must undoubtedly have been sold under Inspection of our Committee and the first of Feb'y is not yet come after which no goods is to be landed.

Beg you will send your schooner Amediately for the seed as we shall Wait for hir. we are Your H. Serv'ts

P. VANDERVOORT & Co.

N. York Jan'y 28 1775

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York Jan'y 30, 1775.

Dear Sir

We wrote you this day per post to which please be Referd, in which we advised you we had Purchased about 400 Bushels foul Seed at 2/, and about 400 Bushels do. @ 2/4 and also about 5 to 600 Cleane yallow seed at 4/ for you and want'd your Schooner to come down soon as Possable and beg to hear from you by first opp'y. In haste we are Your most H. Serv'ts

P. VANDERVOORT & Co.

P. S. Inclosed is Certificate for the Piece of Buntin from the Chairman of our Committe.

This day a Packit from England is Arrived with the Kings Speach and the Answer from Booth houses of Parliment which its said is much against the Colonies. P. S. Papers to 18 Dec'r are come by her.

[Enclosure.]

New York January 31st, 1775

Gentlemen,

Mr. William Malcom of this City inform me that he sold a ps. Bunting to Mr. Peter Van Devoort for a Person of your Colony, and that it has been kept from the Purchaser on a Supposition that it was imported into this City since the first of December.

Mr. Malcom has produced to me his original Invoice of the said Bunting and other Goods which appears to have been shiped from London in March 1773 and therefore he ought not in my Opinion be interupted in the Sale of it. I am Gentlemen Your Most Hble Servant

ISAAC LOW,
Chairm'n Committee N. York.

To the Committee of Correspondence at Norwich in Connecticut.

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Prospect Hill in CAMBRIDGE June 22d 1775.

Hon'rd Sir,

I Recv'd your Letters Per Maj'r Roggers and Brother Jed. Should have wrote You Last weak from Dedham, but Came from there in the alarm on Saturday Last, as to the Battle I am not able to give you the Particulars att Present The Provincials have Lost ab't 70 or 80 men as Near as I Can find out by the Diferent officers and ab't 120 Wounded, butt very few Wounded Mortally The Report from Boston is that the Regulars have Lost and Wounded one Thousand Men amoung Whom tis Said are a Considerable number of Officers* Some Say General How and Maj'r Pit Carn is hit'd; I am now Encamped on Prospect Hill ab't one mile from Charlstown ferry, we have Entrenched So Strong That Tis Thought we Shall be able to keep our Ground. we have been Fired Att a number of times from the Ships and Floting Batterys butt they were not Able to Reach us. Siveral Men have been killed Since monday last by Guns Going of accidentally, although the officers take all Possible Care to Prevent itt We have 2 men in our Company Wounded in the Battle butt not Mortally, viz Elijah Bennet and Dan'l Presson of newent, we lost none. I am I[n] Good health as is all the Company Except 2 or 3. Shall be glad to hear from you and family as offin as you can conveniently write me. Please to Give my Duty to my Dear mother, Love and Complyments to all Friends. I remain your Dutifull and affectionate Son

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

P.S. Please to D'd the Inclos'd [ ].

JOHN DESHON† TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NEW LONDON June 24th 1775.

Sir

I want some Linseed oyle to paint the Gun Carridges for the Coloney, if Can send me a Barrel shall be Glad, if

*Number of officers. See *Warren-Adams Letters*, I, 63.

†Deshon, Capt. John, Commissary for troups at New London, later a member of the Navy Board.

you Cannot spare so Large, pray send me a Less Quantity, otherwise the Caridges will Suffer. I shall be at Norwich in a few Days and will Settle for what Ever Quantity you send me. pray dont Fail Sending some, as there is none in this Town to be had. Your Complyance will oblidg y'r Humble Serv't

JOHN DESHON.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Sep'r 13th 1775.

Dear Son,

I have the pleasure to Inform you that our Families are thro' Gods goodness in usual health Mr. Faning groes better quite fast proposes to Set out with your B'r Eb'r next monday as to news nothing material but what is in the Prints.

was this day appl'd to for to Let your Schooner be Improved to Coast from Norwich to N York per Capt. Harris offerd to give ⅓ of the freight he to victual and Man I gave for answer that altho those termes was formerly supposed proper yet at this time when no port Charges are p'd and the resk of the vessel so much more than at other times supposed Harris Could afford to give one half of the freight your Sentiments per next opp'ty will be agreable to your affectionate Parent,

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

[Superscribed] To Mr. Joshua Huntington In Camp at Cambridge.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Sep'r 16th 1775.

Dear Son

I wrote you some days ago about Letting your Schooner. haveing a Large quantity of Flower to be Stored orderd Mr. Minor this day to Fix up the upper part of your Coopers Shop for that purpose nothing further relative to Wattels Comes to hand; Mr. Simon Tracy was Buried yes-

terday. our Family in usual health Some Sick in Norwich with the Camp distemper tho not a sickly time as to newes nothing worth Noting but what you'll See in the Prints as to Domestic newes refer you to your Brother Eb'r. Remain your affectionate Parent

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

[Superscribed] To Mr. Joshua Huntington In Camp at Cambridge.

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge Sep'r 18th 1775.

Hon'rd Sir

I Recv'd your Letter Per Mr. Lathrop, am very glad to hear You and Family are well, as to the Schooner, had much Rather have Her Chartered on Low Tearms, if Capt. Harris will Resk her, then to Lett him have her on Shairs, butt had Rather have her Lie by the Wharf, then Lett her for Less then half the freight She makes Freight I Suppose is much Higher att this Time then itt Commonly Is, and Suppose that Capt. Harris Can well afford to Give me half the Freight She makes If I Resk her, butt am Willing you or Brother And'w should do with her as if She was your own, and I shall be Entirely Satisfied, as to nuse we have nothing Remarkable att Camp. itt is a General Time of Health with the army, though there are Numbers Sick, very few Die, itt is Said to be very Sickly in Boston, with the Inhabitants, as well as With the Soldiers, and that the Inhabitants Die very fast. Pleass to Give my Duty to Mother and Love to Brothers and Sisters and Except these from Sir your Ever Dutifull and Affectionate Son

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Sep'r 18th 1775.

Dear Son

I wrote you the 16th Since which yours of the 13th Came to hand observe what you Say Relative to Mr. Dyors

appointment, when Gov'r Trumbull told me he had made that app. I Expected it would make some difficulty not only in the Company to which he took Command, but with other Officers.

upon the Resignation of Mr. Webb* your Br'r Eb'n is appointed in his room hope he will not meet with the difficulty that Dyor does to be sure he stands in a much different Situation; Dyor has not had any Concerne in the Army; your Brother Eb'r Sett out on the first Allarram Last Spring, and has been with the Army as Commissary and do not think the birth he now hath is any advancement from what he stood before. I have not Sollicited it for him, and if he Coald have made himself easy to Stay and Assist me in business had much rather than to have him have this birth. I dare say he Coald have earned twice so much as he Can git in the Army. Mr. Webb tells me he thinks it will be agreable to Capt. Chesters† Company to have Eb'r appointed if not hope he will Return for I am much in want of him Remain your affectionate Parent.

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

[Superscribed] To Mr. Joshua Huntington In Camp at Cambridge.

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge Sept'r 25th 1775.

How'rd Sir

I take this opportunity to acquaint you of the Curcumstances of our Regiment; according to the Arangement of the Army the Maj'r and Brigadier Generals are not to hold there Respective Regiments, and the Field Officers are not to hold there Companyes, and tis thought by the officers of our Regiment that itt is Necessary to have the Vacancies Filled up. The Field officers have wrote the Govenour On

*Webb, Samuel Blatchley, Lieut. in Captain John Chester's Company, General Spencer's Regiment.

†Chester, John (1749–1809), son of John and Sarah (Noyes) of Wethersfield. He graduated at Yale in 1766; after the Lexington fight he hastened to Cambridge, and distinguished himself at Bunker Hill. Colonel of the Connecticut State regiment 1776, and Member of the General Assembly 1774–87.

the matter, Should be glad you would advise the Govenour to fill up the Vacancies in the Field Officers Companies, if you think Itt Best. Suppose Itt will Be Entirely agreable to the officers of the Regiment To have me take the Command of Maj'r Durkees* Company As Captain; Whoever am Willing to have the Govenour Do as he thinks Best, in Regard to Filling up Vacancies Butt Shall Rest Entirely Sattisfied with your Doing As you think will be of the most advantage for the Good of the Army, in giving your advise in the matter, as to Nuse Wee have Nothing new, to write you. Pleass to Give My Duty to Mother and Love to Brothers and Sisters. I Subscribe Myself your Dutifull Son

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH Octo'r 1 1775.

Dear Son

yours of Sep'r 25th Came to hand observe what you mention about filling up the vacancies; have not heard of any Such Letters Coming to the Gov'r but if anything of that is proposed to him as it is so near the Assemblys Setting, trust he will not do it untill he meets the Assembly but wheniver it Comes forward shall remember what you mention in your Letter I propose Setting out for the Assembly Next week on Tuesday Gurdon Bill has been Sick and not able to tend the Stores for ten or twelve days past; is now growing better and if he gits well, have had some thoughts of having him Come and Assist J. H. in my Shop and then he will be Company at your House and if so shall Engage Capt. A'w Perkins to Attend at the Landing to assist John Webb in Rec'g in and delivering out flower and Salt which is the main that is done as you have but a few dry goods Left and Gurdon tells me you did not propose to have him retail West India Goods. I have fixed up the upper part of your Cooper Shop and filled it with Conti-

*Durkee, John. Commissioned Lieutenant Colonel July 1775; he had been captain of the 3d Company, General Putnam's regiment.

nentall flower and also put a Large quantity in the other Shop Interim Remain your affectionate Parent

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

P.S. propose Sending a team to Camp this week Bene wants to drive it and propose to have him drive it, if I Can find some good Company to Sett out with him he will bring some things for you as your Dear Partner will Inform you.

[Superscribed] Mr. Joshua Huntington In Camp at Cambridge.

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge Nov'r 22 1775.

Hon'rd Sir

I Recv'd your Agreable Letter Per the Post and am Very glad to hear that you and Family Are in Usual Health. the Reduction of St. Johns* Wee have had, with the Terms of Capitulation I have Determined not to Engage in the New Army, as I am Sensible my Business Calls Me att Home, and I know your Business is Such that I shall be of Service to Assist you Itt is with much Reluctance I shall Leave the army, as I am offered as Good a Birth as I should Expect. I Cant Say when I shall Be att home, as the Connecticut Troops† are Desired to Stay the month of December. I am Affraid that our Soldiers will not Stay, any Longer then they first Engaged for, So Shall Stay as Long as our Company will Tarry and then Return. as to nuse we have Nothing Special att Camp, we Expect to Entrench on Cobble Hill this Night, Which I Expect Will Disturb our Enemies. Pleass to give my Duty to Mother, Love to Brothers and Sisters and Expect my Duty to yourself, from your Ever affectionate and Dutifull Son

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

*Captured by General Montgomery Nov. 3d. See *Battles of the American Revolution*, Carrington, 129.

†See *Warren-Adams Letters*, I. 188.

WILLIAM WATTLES TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

GEORGIA December 10th 1775

Dear Sir

I ariv'd Here three Days ago After a pasage Forty Days all Well and Shall Saile the Forst Wind For Port Royall in South Carolina the Pasage is in Land Aboute Forty Miles Distance the Markets here are Very Good But the Money Bad by the Best Account I Can Get From Charlstown they are in Great Waunt of Sugar and Rum the Markets are Very high Sugar from Ten to Fifteen Dollers per Hunderd Rum from three Shillings and Nine pence to Four Shillings Sterling per Gallon But Shall Be Oblig'd to Take there paper Currency I Shall Waunt Orders in Regard to the Money When you Write Derect Your Letters to the Care Mr. Crouch Mr. Grays former Pardiner Now Lives at Stone aboute 30 Miles from Charlstown Where I Propose Carying Part of the Cargo.

When I Get to Port Royal I have Some Prospect of Seling the Brig't But if I Dont Sell hur I Shall Discharg all Hands and Lay hur up in Some Safe place She Cant go to Charlstown in Land and the Min of War Take Every thing that Comes in there Way. I Did Not think it Best to Send the Cargo Account Sails and Cargo Shipt I have on Board for Cargo 1780 Gallons Rum 24913 ct Sugar, for Mr. IPH 2012 Gallons Rum 18730 ct Sugar for Mr. AH 586 Gallons Rum 6137 ct Sugar for Mr. JH 220 Gallons Rum Which after My Long and Disagreeable Voyg I hope Will Turn to Good Account I Shall Take all the Care Amagenable to keep Out of the Way of these Tyrants that Would be Glad to Rob Me of it all I Was Obleg'd to Leave Aboute five Hundred pounds in Jamaica Which is in Bounds and Notes Now in the hand of Messrs. Thomas & John Dolbeare Merchants in kingston Which Debt I Look upon to be Very Good and Will be Remitted Soon if a good Oportunety. I think I Cant Faile Making 75 per Ct. on the Cargo Now on hand But You May Depend on My Making the Most of it But Shant be Abell to Return Till I have Orders in Regard to the Money Indigo is at this Present Very Low if you think

the Resk Not two Great it Would Answer Very Well But it Must Be Shipt at this Port and Clear'd for N York or New Cassell as No Clearance Can be Obtain'd in Carolina You Will Give Me Directions Accordingly. I Met Mr. Gray Here hav Taken his Advice in Regard to My Proceedings. Remain Your Most Hum'e Servant

WM. WATTLES.

P. S. The Reason of My Not Writing Colo. Huntington is We Dont know What hands the Letters May Fall into if in Bad are More Likely to Be Open'd if to him then You.

LEMUEL BINGHAM* TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE Dec'r 13th 1775

Sir,

this Morning we Rec'd Gen'l Orders Informing us that Governor Trumbull had sent a Request to Gen'l Washington for the Officers Names in the five Connecticutt Regiments on the New Establishment Also the Number of men each Officer has Inlisted, which Gives me Suspicion Our Troops are to be New Modelled By Our Asembly; If so, Sir, I Hum'ly beg your kind Assistance with your Hon'd Father at the Assembly etc.

Sir hope you'll find all well at home. Sir Excuse me for I have but one Moment to write. from your True friend and Hum'e Serv't

LEM'L BINGHAM.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp at ROXBURY 5 Jan'y 1776.

Hon'd Sir,

I have your Favors of the 31 Dec'r and 1st Jan'y per Mr. Hide. rejoice to hear my Friends at Wethersfield and Lebanon were well. Col: Trumbull† is recruiting. as to his

*Second Lieutenant John Durkee's Company.

†Trumbull, Joseph, Commissary-General of Connecticut with rank of Colonel for the Continental Army.

sending Money cannot say. this much I know that the Demands here for Cash exceed the Supplies the last Sum that came which was about a Fortnight ago was 500000 Doll: and that was not half enough. the Troops (Connecticut excepted) have rec'd Pay only to the 1st Nov'r, and several Departments are complaining for the Want of Money. the Prize which the Post told of proved to be a Ship from the Southward with Flour bound to Newberry Port. I saw a Boston Paper of Yesterday, containing Addresses from many manufact'g Towns in England to his Majesty applauding his Measures and exclaiming against us, that ——— Sayre† Esq'r was [comm]itted to the Tower for high Treason.

[ ]ays two Ordinance Store Ships are arrived in [ ]g Part of two Regiments.‡

My Order on Pay Table is now of no Consequence, As I have rec'd of them in full of my Pay Roll.

Fascines are now cutting in preparation for possessing an important Post to annoy the Enemy.

long Orders are daily issuing from Head Quarters to put the new Army under the best Regulations. I hope and doubt not that better Order and Dicipline will be seen in the new Army than was in the old. I am your dutiful and affectionate Son,

JED HUNTINGTON.

Hon'ble Jabez Huntington Esq'r.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp at Roxbury 12 Jan'y 1776.

Hon'd Sir

I wrote you by Post since which have not been favoured with any of yours. I write Benj not to send me a Horse

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†Sayre, Stephen. Oct. 23, 1775, Sayer, the late Sheriff, was apprehended by a Warrant from Lord Rochford, for High Treason, and sent to the Tower. *Diary and Letters of Thomas Hutchinson*, Hutchinson, I. 547.

‡"A Snow and a Brig with Ordnance Stores. The Lord Hyde Packet is also arrived here, and two ships from Ireland with Part of the 17th and 55th Regiments." *The Massachusetts Gazette and the Boston Weekly News Letter*, Thursday, January 4, 1776.

till he hears further from me. The General is determined to have the Army together the first of February, for which he has caused Advertisements to be published in all the Papers notifying all Officers and Soldiers to join their respective Corps at that Time.

I now begin to think I shall not visit My Friends at Norwich before the latter End of February—some Preperations are making for taking Ground on Dorchester Point, but not so forward as I could wish. I would not be uneasy at Delay, as our Inactivity [may] in the Hands of divine Providence be made as effectual for our Deliverance as the most vigorous Action, but it is not probable that we shall ever have a more favourable Time than the present to put our Enemies to the Rout, and should we be so successful as to divest them of their Strong Holds in Boston it is not very likely they will get a Footing that we cannot easily supplant at any other Place. The Militia who were called in to strengthen our Army and were inlisted to stay 'till the Middle of this Month are now desired to continue to the End of it, but I do not expect many of them will stay. when they are gone, this Camp will be reduced to less than 2000 Men fit for Duty unless the Recruits come in. I send you the Brigade Majors Return of General Spencer's Brigade by which You will see the Strength of it, and by that, the Strength of the whole Army as the other five Brigades are nearly the same. I remain your affectionate and dutiful Son,

JED HUNTINGTON.

The Return mentioned above must be omitted till my Next as it is not completed at the closing of this Letter.

JOSEPH TRUMBULL TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE 13th Jan'y 1776.

Hon'rd Sir,

I rec'd your's of the 31st Dec'r per Mr. Hide, and should have wrote you, but being obliged to Write your son And'w and being also extreamly Hurried, in writing to every quarter for Flour, I was obliged to add in his a few

Words to you, and omitt Writing at large. I have not rec'd 10 bbs. Flour, into Camp from you or Mr. Leffingwell since I came here—all you have forwarded Stop at their own Homes; A large Stream run'g out, and none run'g in will soon exhaust a large Store. the Single Loads and every thing of that kind have Stop'd, and near 2,000 bbs. of Prize Flour on hand, supposed good proves on examination, not fit for Soft Bread. by all these Circumstances, I am driven into the narrows. I have not more than 8 or 10 days Flour, with in 20 Miles of Camp.

I have sent a Person to Pomfret and Killingly to look up and forward Flour, but as I know not who the Persons are, who have the Flour in possession, I fear he will be put to it, to find up the People. Possibly it would be well for some from you, should be sent out, on the same Errand. what Flour you forward from Norwich pray send it into Camp at Roxbury, about ⅓, the other ⅔ to Cambridge. The Flour I mentioned from the Westward, is Stop'd at New London by the Ice, I find by a Letter rec'd this post. Our Money Chest is Exhausted at present, more is expected every hour from Phil'a. as soon as it arrives, will Forward Cash to you and your Son And'w for Salt, and for Transportation of Flour. My Health is now tolerably restored, tho' I am still weak, and the more so, from a hitherto Constant Hurry and Fatigue of Business, occasioned by my Long Absence and the Breaking up of the Old, and the forming the New Army. But it begins now to Abate, and I shall have less hurry of Business, and more leisure to recruit and Confirm my Health.

Your Sons were well yesterday. I heard from them. My best Respects to Mrs. Huntington and Family and Friends, and am, Hon'rd Sir, Your obedient Humble Serv't

JOS: TRUMBULL.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSEPH TRUMBULL.

NORWICH Jan'y 21st 1776.

Colo'l Trumbull

Sir yours of the 13th Came to hand Rejoice to hear that Your health is in some measure Restor'd, hope Soon

to hear that you are fully Recovered. as to forwarding flower Have Engaged Sundry Teams to go directly through to Camp, and as the Carting is now Pretty good Hope you'll soon have a Supply. Could wish to Receave the Cash you Proposed to Send me as Quick as Possible. Remain your Humble Serv't

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

To Colo'l Joseph Trumbull In Cambridge.

[Indorsed] Colo'l Joseph Trumbull Letter Jan'y 13th 1776, and Coppy* of Letter Sent him, Jan'y 21st 1776.

SILAS GOODELL† TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge January 25th 1776

Dear Sir

I Now take this opertunity of writing to my good Frend that I am well at this time as I hope these Lines will find you and fameley Sir we have Nothing Special at present but our people have built a new Sled for the Congress to Carry her to Leachmore point and we Expect Every Day She will Speake to the bostonans Sir we have Got a Large Number of Canon within 20 miles of this place and the old Sow with the Rest I Saw the old sow on my march Down with about 70 other pices of Canon all bound to this place and we Shall have hot work very Soon I think that Coll. Durkee is wanted here very much for the Troops are all in Confusion the milita are Going home and the new Troops Coming in Every Day which makes Cunfuton Plenty pray Sir write to me the first opertunity Give my Respects to mrss Huntington and to all the Rest of the Famaley So no more at present but I Remain your frend and well wisher

SILAS GOOD[ ]L.

[Superscribed] Mr. Joshua Huntington In Norwich.

[Indorsed] Mr. Silas Goodale Letter Jan'y 25 1776.

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*This "Coppy" seems to be in the handwriting and spelling of Joshua Huntington.

†Sergeant Captain John Durkee's Company, General Putnam's Regiment 1775, 2d Lieut. 1777, 1st Lieut. 1778.

EBENEZER LEDYARD* TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

GROTON 9th Feb'y 1776

Sir

you will find by the return of the two Hon'ble Gentlemen off the Committee of Safety that was here Viewing the Fortifications both at New London and Groton that there appeared Sumthing of a Party among those Gentlemen that waited on the Hon'ble Committee Respecting the Nomination of Officers for the Groton Fort I now beg leave Sir to say a few words on that head when it was desired by the Hon'ble Gentlemen that the people from Groton would Nominate a Capt. for the Fort, Thos. Mumford† Esq'r very quick Nominated Mr. Park Avery an Aged Gent'n and a Preacher of the Gospel under the Denomination of a Seperate for the Capt'n and his Son for a Lieut. this is look'd upon by many good people of this place as a Party Plan. after which my Brother was Nominated for Capt. and some others and Ensign Wm. Latham‡ for a Lieut. this Wm. Latham lives in the Neighborhood and was last Campaign at Boston. he is a very able young officer and if he is put in first Lieut. dare say he wo'd Except my whole View in troubling you with this is to prevent the people's geting divided in this place. we have hitherto been an very harmonious and wish we may continue so. Esq'r Wales and Col'n Mott can acquaint you with the minds of the People Mr. T. M. is trying to get such People in the Fort‖ as will best Serve his Turn. Mr. Park Avery is a very good Committee Man. I am Sir Your Most Ob't Humble Serv't

EBEN'R LEDYARD.

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*Commissary for troops at Groton.

†State Commissary.

‡Ensign Colonel Parsons' Regiment, 1775.

‖Groton fort. Edward Mott was appointed Commandant of the fort. *Colonial Records of Connecticut*, XV. 242.

COLONEL JOSEPH TRUMBULL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE 15th Feb'y 1776.

Dear Sir,

I rec'd your Fav'r of 4th Jan'y not 'till last Friday. I am quite willing you should transport the flower from New London, to Norwich, provided you do it as Cheap as any other person. Your Father has rec'd and forwarded Goods for me, and I can't shift from him, whatever part he is willing to give you of the Business, I shall have no Objection to.

You had best let Mr. Shaw know about transporting the Flour, soon, or he may engage some other person. I am Dear Sir Your most Humble Serv't

JOS: TRUMBULL.

Tell your Father, that, I have sent Capt. Wadsworth* to Phil'a for Money, because what was bro't here, was all paid out to the Troops, and I could get none of it. when Capt. Wadsworth returns will send him some Money, but shall not be able to pay the whole Expence of Flour, but believe it will be best for me to do it, when I can get Money to do it with. If I have an Opportunity will send him some Cash, for present Use. I rec'd his of 4th Feb'y at same time I rec'd yours.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

ROXBURY CAMP 19th Feb'y 1776.

Hon'd Sir

I have your Favours of 11th and 14th instant. have Opportunity to say few words only by this Bearer. We are making Preparations as fast as possible in Order to bombard the Town etc. two Load of Powder arrived last Evening from Providence. the last of Col. Woolcot's Companies came in yesterday. Col: Durkee is very sick. there are several Vacancies of Field Officers in the Army If the Governor can cleverly mention Major Chester to the General as an Officer of Family, Fortune, military Spirit etc. (all which may be said with Truth) perhaps he will be appointed to

* Wadsworth, Jeremiah, Commissary-General of Purchases 1778-80.

some Place or other, which I am sure he will fill much more to the Honour of the Colony and Service than some have done.

I have nothing material to add only that I send Love and Duty to all. pray Mother may be enjoy[ing] usual Health. I am Your dutifull and affect'e Son,

JED HUNTINGTON.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

ROXBURY CAMP 14th March 1776.

Dear Sir,

Brother Joshua will be able to give you all the News small and great that is stirring among us. the Kings Troops are not gone from Boston but we understand they are preparing to do it as fast as possible. a Letter out of Boston supposed to be from Mr. Austin* one of the Selectmen says the Enemy have striped him of every thing worth carrying away and that others are sharing the same Fate most of the Ships are laying at Nantasket Road and seem to be deeply laden. five of our Regiments together with the Riflemen are ordered to march. Starks of New Hampshire; Bonds and Greatons and Pattersons of Massachusetts; and Webbs of Connecticut are the five under Orders. the Riflemen are to go to Day, the others to Morrow. when and what Part of the Remainder of the Army will leave this Station is not yet known — it will depend upon the further Movements of the Enemy. I hope to see Home on this Occasion, as our Motions will be that Way.

my Love to Sister. I pray she may have cumforting Foretastes of future Happiness whilst the vain Joys of this Life are vanishing away, that we may be all prepared for Gods holy Will, and find by happy Experience that Sickness and Sorrow have been Evidences of our Spiritual Sonship. I remain your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON.

[Superscribed] Mr. ANDREW HUNTINGTON, Merchant, Norwich.

* Austin, Samuel.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 17th March 1776

Hon'd Sir

This Morning we had the Agreable Sight of a Number of Ships leaving the Town of Boston with a large Number of Boats full of Soldiers, about ten of Clock several Lads came to our out Centries and informed us that the Troops had intirely left the Town and that the Selectmen were coming out to see us soon after we had the Pleasure of seeing Messrs. Austin, Scolly,* Marshall† etc. they had an interview with the General and gave him the best Intelligence they could concerning the state of the Town and the Intentions of the Enemy. the Enemy are now all laying between the Castle and Light House in full View from the Town and make a very formidable Appearance. we shall keep a sharp look out till they are out of Sight at least. the Talk of the Town is that the Troops are gone to Hallifax. the Country ought to be well on their Guard in every Place where it is likely they will make a Descent. I expect most if not all the established Regiments will be ordered from this Station as soon as the Enemy are gone from the Bay. where my Destination will be I know not I hope it will give me an Opportunity of seeing Norwich. my Love and Duty to Mother and all and remain Your dutifull and affectionate Son,

J. HUNTINGTON.

Hon'ble Jabez Huntington.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Lebanon Ap'l 1st 1776.

Dear Son

On hearing that part of the Ministerial Fleet arriv'd at Newport Yesterday and the probability that some of them may Come and Lie before N London Harbour Gov'r Trumbull and Com'tee advise that you Send a Post directly to Capt. Francis at Saybrook to stop the Transports that are

*Scollay, John

†Marshall, Thomas

there untill further order and also advise that Capt. Francis Send out a Boat from Saybrook to Direct the Transports returning from N York to stop at Saybrook with those now there untill you have further directions In haste from your affectionate Parent,

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

[Superscribed] To Mr. Joshua Huntington In Norwich.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO SAMUEL ABBOTT.

Norwich April 12th 1776

Colo. Samuel Abbott

Sir I Understand you are going to Boston tomorrow please to Deliver the Letter Directed to Thomas Cushing Esq'r and Call on him for an Answer, and as you Travel the Road to and from Camp if you see or hear of any Continental Flower that was forwarded from my store for Commisary Trumbull Desire them that Rec'd the same to Let it be Deliverd immediately According to Order and Return the Recei't of delivery Or if within twenty five miles of Norwich they may return it to my store.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

J. TRUMBULL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

N: York 22d April, 1776.

D'r Sir,

By Gen'l Gates's Order I have sent Eleven soldiers of Col. Huntington's Regt. to Assist in bringing up some of your Vessels. You'll be so good as to send them back to the Regt. as soon as possible, as their Absence for any long time, will be of great Damage to the service. I am sir Your Very Obed't

J: TRUMBULL

P. S. Their Names are Lem'l Camp, Dav'd Kennedy, Jos: Lang, Jos: Sedgwick, John MCarty, Josh: Burgess and John Talmadge.

The five on board Capt. Perkins you'll know from him.

J. T.

[Superscribed] For Capt. Josh. Huntington, Norwich.

EBENEZER FRANCIS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE April the 26th 1776

Dear Sir,

On Saturday I arrived Home in Health and found my Family So. I find things at Cambridge very much out of order and going to waste I Have been all this week in Collecting the meterials and Shall begin to pay off Next Tuesday. I Can Draw money of mr. Williams of Boston So you need not Send any here I Shall Send the Last of the pike poles on to Day we Shall make out to Load the 40 teams from Connecticut 10 of which I Engaged Please to write to me Every oppurtunity and Let me know What turns up new those teams that I Engaged I Gave them the Promise of twelve Shillings per C. wt. and no more to Carry to the Landing I Believe you are very much hurried if I Have any Letters from york Directed to Norwich or Newlondon Pray open them for they may be of Service to you and then Close them and Send them forward by Careful Hands Employ Ben as you want tell Him to take good Care of my mare if any thing of importance turns up you will Send Ben and if there is No money at york you had better Send to me for Some I Cannot tell How long before I Shall Come on for I find there is a great many Debts back we have Nothing New here only a Report that Carleton offers to Capitulate I very much Scruple it I Can think of No better way to Describe the Scituation of this Camp than to tell you Gen'l Washington nor Col. Mifflin is not here a blind man might see they tell me fortifying goes on very Slow this province is a Raising one Regiment my Compliments to your Lady and the young women tell Ben his father is been poorly but is got better if I had time I should Enlarge. From your most Obedient and Hbl. Serv't and well wisher

E. FRANCIS.

[Superscribed] To Capt. JOSHUA HUNTINGTON at Norwich
Agent for the American Army.

JOSEPH TRUMBULL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NEW YORK 9th June 1776.

Dear Sir,

I have directed Mr. Gray,* Mr. Mumford Fitch† and Colt,‡ and shall direct some others, to ship to your Care Imediately, a large Quantity of Flour, and that they send particular Invo. with each Quantity, and pay the freights and Charge them with the Flour to me. You'll let it remain in Store 'till further Orders from me. Pray get your Father's Acco't made out, as I mentioned to you. Noting also where the remaining Flour, not delivered in Some of my Stores at or near Boston is. If any Malt or Hops, are to be bo't in Norwich or it's neighbourhood purchase and send them to me here. Malt is worth 5/ and hops 1/ here. I am Dear Sir Your most Humble Serv't

JOS: TRUMBULL.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

HARTFORD June 17th 1776.

Dear Son,

These may Inform you that the Gen'l Assembly has agreed to Raise about Seven thousand men for N Y Quebeck etc. the Officers not all app. your B'r Chester is app. a Colo. and suppose that Regt. will be destined for N York no news of Importance worth noting there will be orders to purchass some Quanity of Pork for the Publick use if any application to you for that purpose would not have you dispose of any of mine or your B. Jed as we have not any more in the Family than we Shall want for our own use and I fear not enough this hint you'll keep to yourself hope to return this week but am fearful I shall not. Interim with regards to your Dear Partner Remain your affectionate Parent

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

[Superscribed] To Capt. JOSHUA HUNTINGTON In Norwich.
Per Capt. Ollcutt.

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*Gray, Samuel, in commissary department.

†Fitch, Jonathan, State Commissary.

‡Colt, Peter, supply agent 1776, Deputy Commissary-General 1777.

JOSEPH TRUMBULL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NEW YORK 23d June 1776.

Dear Sir,

I have Just Rec'd your Fav'rs of 14th and 15th Inst. Mr. Gray is here, and I shall teach him better about his Casks. I rec'd a Letter yesterday from your Father. I dare say I shall soon have his Acco'ts.

I hope you'll find some Malt and Hops, if so send them forward. I am willing you should purchase Mr. Clements's Flour, if it is good, and in good Order, and draw on me for the Money, pay'ble here at 4 days Sight, and giving 12/9 per Ct. pay and nothing for Casks. I am to have 20,000 bbs. delivered me here, from Phil'a across land, at 15/6, and not pay for Casks, which is nearly the same Freight and Trouble Included, as 12/9, at Norwich. I have Wrote Esq'r Nath'l Backus, the Terms I have directed you to offer. I am Dear Sir, Your most Humble Servant,

JOS: TRUMBULL.

EBENEZER FRANCIS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NEW YORK June the 27th 1776

Dear friend

I write to Let you know that I am in health at present as I Hope these will find you and your good Lady first of all I must Congratulate you on your appointment of a Captain without flattery I think it inadequate Notwithstanding hope you will accept of it and be an Instrument in the Hands of god in Destroying those tyrants that are seeking our Ruin. Happy is it that this Deep Laid plot is So far found out we find there is many Secret Enemies in this part of the world which is far worse than our open ones I Dont think of any thing new but what it is Like you have heard of and Capt. pirkins Can Enform you the 3 in the Gen'r Gaurd had their tryal yesterday Col. Parson President the Evedenc against one was very full indeed how it will turn I know not I Did Expect to have Sett out for Boston to morrow but Gen'l Mifflin Desires me to stay and Collect some Debts that is Due for Continental good here

and then go to Boston and Do the same and Settle affairs there no gen. is appointed for Boston yet Gen'l Gates sailed for quebeck 25th and major trumbel D P Ad. Gen'l. Gen'l Mifflin is talked of again for Boston but this quebeck News and the Conspiracy Keeps things Back it appears Evedient that the maogre [major?] took 120£ Sterling to Carry on the plan and Gave it To one Gilbert Forbes a Gunsmith and he owns he has Distributed a Number of tories in queens County were Entrenching under arms and there was a party Sent off and we hear they have taken a Number of them and Routed the Rest but how true I Cant tell.

Pray Sir be so good as to Let Ben have one of the Continental Horses under your Care to go to Boston and I will see him back or Sell him or Deliver him to the quarter master there, which you please I Expect to be along with in a fortnight if nothing happens. These are from your Sincere friend and well wisher,

EBEN'R FRANCIS.

I Have Delivered that Horse Ben Rode and Got a Receipt sir I will Satisfie you for Bens Passage when I Come your way yrs. E. F.

Leut. Eaton had orders from Capt. Baker So you will be Safe in paying mr. wheatly I Sent the Receipt by Ben.

SAMUEL SELDEN TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Lyme June 28th 1776

Sir

Rec'd yours of yesterday by Mr. Waters Should be glad to oblige him, and many more that have a zeal for the cause we are ingaged in, if I was able but I think I have put it so much out of my power that I cant gratify him with the Birth of a quarter Master. I am Sory for the poor luck you have in Raising Soldiers the nesessity of the cause Requires the greatest Expidition dont Doubt of your Zeal and Attention wishing you Good Success I am with esteme your Most Obed't

SAM'L SELDEN.

JOSEPH TRUMBULL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York 9th July 1776

Dear Sir,

I rec'd your's of 1st Inst. per Mr. Clements, he has been here, and wants 14/ per Ct. for his Flour. I have offerd him 13/ and I can give no more; if he will take that, you may deal with him otherwise not. I rec'd a Letter of 29th Inst. from your Bro'r And'w, by which I learn you are coming to Join us again if so, I am willing your father or he, I suppose it the same, should take up my Business, as you please. Tell him I will deliver the Letters. your Bro'r Jed'h is here, and not going towards Canada. no more Troops will be sent from hence, that way. I am Dear Sir Your most Humble Serv't

JOS: TRUMBULL.

[Superscribed] To Capt. Joshua Huntington, Merchant, Norwich.

JOSEPH WARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston 11 July 1776.

Sir,

Agreeable to the Directions of General Washington, General Ward has ordered Arms with their Accoutrements, (which were taken on board the Scotch Transports,) to Norwich, to your care, which you will forward to New York immediately. If there will be any risk by water you will send them by land.

His Excellency in his last letter informs that he had not then received all the Carbines; if they are not gone from Norwich you will please to forward them with all expedition to New York. I am Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

JOSEPH WARD A d C.

JOHN CANNON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NORWALK, July 17th 1776

Sir

I have Sent by Desire of Samuel Camfeald Esq'r to your Care to be Delivered to Capt. Jeremiah Wardsworth Forty Foure Barrels Flower Marked on the Head S C in the Sloop John, Danil Jackson Master Which I have taken his Recept for you Paying him freaight for the Same at two Shillings Lawful Money per Barrel, as the Barrels holes 70 to 90 lb. More then Common Barrels Could not Get them Carred for Less from Sir yours to Com'd

JOHN CANNON

[Superscribed] To JOSUAH HUNTINGTON Esq'r, Merch't, Norrige.

COUNCIL OF SAFETY TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

At a Meeting of the Gov'r and Council of Safety July 30th 1776

Voted the Following —

Instructions to his Hon'r Colo. Huntington from his Hon'r the Gov'r and Com'tee of Safety.

You are directed to proceed to New London with all possible Despatch, and there in behalf and for the Use of the Colony, in conjunction with Your Son Mr. And'w Huntington, to purchase such necessary Cloathing for the Troops of this Colony, as you can procure upon the most reasonable Terms. You are also to treat with the owner of the Bermudian Sloop brot into s'd Port by the Continental Fleet, for the purchase thereof and to find out his Terms, Conditions etc. and Report make, and in the mean Time to lay an Injunction against the said Sloops leaving said Port, till farther orders from this Board be had thereon, and you with your son are to purchase all the swivel Guns and the shot belonging to them, one third of the Cannon and Shott, and also one hundred Stand of Arms and all the lead Shot, lately brot into s'd Port by a french Sloop.

A True Copy from the Minutes

Attest BENJ. HUNTINGTON Clerk P.T.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH Aug't 6, 1776.

Dear Son

I wrote you the 4th Instant. These Comes per your Schooner Capt. Ingraham with sundry Artickles for the Army I understood per Letter from Colo. Huntington that it was verry difficult to Obtain green Sase in N York so orderd a Box filled with Betes, Carriots, Puttatoes, and Turnups directed to your Care to be divided between your Self and Brothors in Camp orderd Ingraham in Case you was not present at his Arival, to deliver the box to your [Brother] Jed and have wrote to him to divide them with Chester yourself and Eb'r have also sent a Box of Choice good Old Cheese to use if any wanted by you or Brothers and the rest to be disposed of for me. have sent bbs. of Syder to be disposed of and to Send me per Ingraham one or two bbs. Rosen and one Barrel or Terce of Rice if to be had reasonable. The Powder is all safe arived and Stored as proposed at present Guarded by the twenty Soldiers that Came with it from Boston hope soon to receive your answer to mine of the 4th wishing success to Our Army and with regards to all Friends, Remain your affectionate Parent

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

P.S. your Sister Chester* is now on a visit at my House. Left her Family well yesterday Morning arived here about 5 Clock P M.

N.B. had not time to get the Syder on bord would have you write me the price of Sydor in N Y perhaps it answer better next trip.

[Superscribed] To Capt. JOSHUA HUNTINGTON In Camp at N York. Per the Chelsey.

*Chester, Mrs. John, Elizabeth Huntington (1757–1834), daughter of Jabez and Hannah (Williams), married, in 1773, Colonel John Chester of Wethersfield.

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

New York Aug't 12th 1776.

Hon'rd Sir

I Rec'd yours of the 6th Instant, by Capt. Ingraham, this Day, yours of the 4th is not yett Come to hand; I have Rec'd the Sause and Chees and will Sell the Cheese to the best advantage All the Rozin and Rise is taken up for the army and none To be Bo't att any price. Sydar that is good will fetch from 4 to 5 dollars Per bbl; the Hon'e Continental Congress Have been Pleased to appoint, Gen'ls Heath, Spencer, Green and Sullivan Maj'r Gen'ls, Colo. Read, Colo'l Parsons, Synclair, Nixon McDogal and Clinton to Be Brigadeer Gen'ls. The fleet Lye Still att Staten Island, and tis Said there Is arived a Reinforcement of 60 Sail att the Hook with Forreign Troops. if this be true, No doubt we Shall have An atack very Soon. our army have been very Sickly butt are now on the Recovery. I wrote you the 10th by Lt. Dewitt, mentioning that Colo. Trumbull Wanted Your Pork. Perhaps itt may be well to Send my Schoner Back, with the Pork and Sydar. I have Had a Little of the Disentary; butt have gott Entirely well, and Enjoy a good State of Health. Please to Give Duty and Love, to all Friends as is due from your Ever affectionate and Dutifull Son

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Aug't 13 between 30 and 40 Sail of the Enemy Came up from the Hook and Joined the fleet att Staten Island Yesterday afternoon I have Shipt Per the Chelsey 12 hhd. Rum Mark'd IH 4 do. I^{d}H and 2 Cask Brandy AH. itt is the General Opinion that Effects are not safe in the City, and there is No buyers att any Prise.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Sept. 15th, 1776.

Dear Son

Yours of the 7th Came to hand in which you mention that Ingraham had Landed his Cargo at Norwalk he has

been back at Norwich took another Cargo for Norwalk and Last Night heard he had Landed that and returned to the Landing Last night was gone only Seven days Expect he will be Loaded this day and proced on as before; Capt. Neles* is returned from his Cruse taken two Prises one Schooner about Sixty Tons and one Ship about three hundred Tons Chiefly Loaded with Rum and Sugor the Schooner is Safe arived in Norwich Harbour the Ship Hourly expected hope Soon to hear some agreable account from Capt. Harden your Brother Jed Recruits very fast. our Family in usual health; Mr. Joseph Peck Died Last week but in General is a very healthy time in Norwich wishing Success to Our Army Remain your affectionate Parent

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

[Superscribed] To Capt. Joshua Huntington In Camp at New York.

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp Near Kings Bridge Sept. 20 [1776].

Hon'rd Sir

You have most Likely heard of our Retreat from the City Before this butt I will give you Some of the Particulars Sunday Morning Last, our Reg't with a Number of other Regts. were ordered to the Lines a Little below Turtle Bay, where Lay 5 or 6 Ships, within Muskett Shot of our Lines, ab't 10th Clock a most Furious Cannonade Began from the Ships, att the Same Time the Enemy Landed a Large boddy of men a Little Above Where our men were Posted, and marched Directly for the Main Road in order to Cutt of Our Retreat Which they had Like to have Effected, as the Greatest Part of our army were from 6 to 14 Miles Distant from the City, in this Skirmish we Lost Some men Though I think not many. Colo'l Selden†

* Niles, Robert, 1734–1818.

† Selden, Samuel, commissioned Colonel June 1776, taken prisoner September 15, 1776, and died a prisoner in New York on October 11, 1776.

is Killed or Taken, Lt. Wheatley* is Wounded and taken Prisoner I have been unwell ab't a fortnight, with a Slow Fever and the Camp Disorder, Which Prevented my being In the Skirmish. I had not Past the Road but a Little While, before the Enemy Came up, and if I had been with the Regt. att the Lines, I was so Weak and Feble I Should without Doubt have Falen into there Hands. I have now Left the Regt. for a few Days and Am with Brother Chestor, ab't 16 Miles from the City and Gitting Better. The Enemy made an attack Last Munday on our People, Tis Said with 2500 Men. our Men being Sensible the Enemy were were out of Reach of there Ships, Engaged them with Spirit, and after an Engagement of ab't an Hour the Enemy Retreatd with Great Confution. in the attack we Lost 15 or 20 Men Killed As the Enemy Carried of the Most of there Dead I Cannot Tell There Loss. our Army are in very high Spirits. I Understand that our Family are Conserned in a Privateer from N London. I told Brother And'w I should be glad to be Concerned £100 L. M. Should be Glad to know Wheather he has Engaged any Part for Me or not, as I Expectd if he was Concerned to take a Part with him. Brother Chestor and Eben'r are In Usual Health. I Inclose you a Letter for Brother Jed Contaning a Note of Hand. Please to Give Duty and Love as Is Due from your Dutifull and affectionate Son

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Sep'r 28th, 1776.

Dear Son

I wrote you the 15th Since which yours of the 20th Came to hand rejoice to hear you are growing better of your Illness your B'r Jed Set out for Camp last Monday hope he is Safe arived great Events have lately Turned up at your Camp and we have been Served with a great variety of Contradictory acc'ts about the Same on the

*Wheatly, John, 2d Lieutenant, Captain Joshua Huntington's Company.

whole think the Enemy have made no advantage of their movements since they Landed as to news here nothing worth noting the Inclosed from your Dear Partner will furnish you with Domestick news with Regards to all Friends remain your affectionate Parent

JZ HUNTINGTON.

P. S. if you Should See Liev't Ellis of Norwich Inform him that his Wife is verry desireous that he should return as soon as the Public business will admit and I dare Say he will be disposed so do if she had not desired it but write this to please her to be sure the State of his Family Calls for his attention at home.

[Superscribed] To Capt. Joshua Huntington In Camp near King Bridge New York.

JACOB DeWITT* TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Harlem Heights October 3rd 1776

Dear Sir

I have your favour of yesterday per Lieut. Buckley. Emediately on Rec't of it, I waited on Gen'l Wadsworth, and Shewd him Doc'r Morgans Certificate and told him that you Request'd further Leave of Absence also Liberty to Ride out in the Country a Little way. his Answer was, that the Certificate was sufficient, without any other Writing, and that it was not in his Power to give Liberty to Ride out, Gen'l Spencer not being at Home then. I waited on him this Morning he told me the same as Gen'l Wadsworth did as to Leave of absence, Viz. that the Certificate was Quite Sufficient, but believe he would have given you Liberty to Ride out had not Gen'l Wadsworth Mention'd that some Officers in the Regiment were Uneasy about your being out. on this he Hesitated, finally Concluded that Gen'l Heath would give you Liberty, or that a Ride to Morrisena etc. would perhaps be of as much service as anywhere. It is no doubt our Coll'l† that has been Making this Complaint

* 1st Lieut. in Captain Huntington's Company, Colonel Selden's battalion.

† Lieut. Colonel Jonathan Lattimer commanded the regiment at this date, Colonel Selden having been taken prisoner on September 15.

to the Gen'l have heard of nobody but him and one or two of his favourite Subalterns that Have said any thing about it. he has said more about it then I thought was proper or Prud[ent] I mention this that may know what friendship you may Expect from this Quarter, and not for the Purpose of making a Difficulty.

have sent W. W. to fetch me a few things out of my Trunk. you will please to Let him have the Key I wish you speedy Recovery of your Health and am with Due Respect Sir Your Most H. Serv't

JACOB DEWITT.

P. S. I should be Glad of a Little Butter if you Can procure some Handy. you have Doctor Morgans Certificate Inclos'd.

[Superscribed] To Capt. JOSHUA HUNTINGTON, Near Kingsbridge

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH Octo'r 7th 1776.

Dear Son

I Wrote you the 28th Ultimo Since which Rec'd yours of the 20th per which find you was recovering and Since had the pleasure to hear you was almost recoverd to your usual health Since I wrote you Capt. Harden* is arived from his Cruise has taken two fine Ships one of them Safe arived at N L She is Loaded with Sugar, Rum Coffey and Cotten Supposed to be worth fifteen thousand pounds the Other prize is daily Expected; Niles 2d Prize is not arived and Suppose is most Likely Taken your Brother obtaind so Little part of Mr. Shaws Privateer that he keeps it himself.

your Brig'e is Like to be fitted as a Letter of Mark and so proced on a Trading voige refer you to your B'r And'ws Letter on the Subject to know how far you and B'r Jed Chose to be Concern'd as to Domestick news nothing Material but only the Death of Jason Last week Our Family

* Harding, Seth, Captain of the Brig-of-war 'Defence," and of the Continental frigate "Confederacy."

in usual health. your Sister Polly Returned from Wethersfield yesterday and Left her Sister and Family well with regards to all Friends Remain your affectionate Parent

JZ HUNTINGTON.

P. S. I propose Setting out for N H to morrow.

[Superscribed] To Capt. Joshua Huntington In Camp at Kings Bridge.

SIMON BREWSTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Preston 12th of Oct'r 1776.

Dear Sir

I Hope you are well Thow I am Sencibell you Hav ben Threw Hard Seans Sence I Saw you; I Hope also my pore boy in your Company is Still a Live pray Sir as he murst be Very Much worne out if a Live Dow Let Him Com out awhile for a Recrute and if He is so unwell as not Likely to be fit for Duty pray get Him Discharg'd or Som How Let him Com home which will Give Grate Satisfaction to my family I Shall Estame it a Grate favour Sir I am Senceble you Have much Grater Things to attend to pray Let this Have a place in your Generos mind. you Will Much Oblige your Most Obediant Humble Sarv't

SIMON BREWSTER.

N. B. Sir your Hors is Sold Will Neat you about aleaven Pounds Cash Exclucive of my bill for keeping.

S. BREWSTER.

[Superscribed] To Capt. Joshua Huntington In Colo'll Celdens Regement. per favor Capt. Freman.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Nov'r 12th 1776

Dear Son

I Wrote you yesterday per Mr. Clerk Since which the Inclosed Came to hand from your wife; your Schooner is Arived in the River gave Orders to have her Loaded Immediately as soon as She gits to the wharf and others are Loading Trust what is here will soon be sent on as Mr.

Devenport Come here to Hurry on all the Flower in this place. your Brother A'w was gone to Boston Expect him home this day but shall take due Care in his Absence that the Flower etc shall be forwarded as fast as possible. when I wrote you last omitted to mention to you that when at New Haven Mr. Peirpoint Complain'd to me that you had his Chair to ride to Stamford and that the Same was Left there near a month greatly to his Damage etc. he had rec'd no pay for it and applied to me for the pay so paid him 34/6 and took his Rec't and if the Chair was so Long detaind and Lay out in the Stormes as he Says it was not too much but thought best to pay him and if any mistake Can make him rectifie it as I Lodged at his House and dare say he will Conforme to what is right when I see him again.

you wrote me some time ago about Beef Shall take due Care to See your Family is Supplied. Remain your affectionate Parent

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

P.S. Write me per next Opp'y wheather the Continental Powder is Like to remain here any time if so I must Erect a Small Barrack for the Guard for they Complain their Tent is Cold and will soon be more so.

[Superscribed] To Capt. Joshua Huntington in Gen'l Washingtons Camp Per Mr. Devonport.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Nov'r 17, 1776.

Dear Son

I wrote you the 11th and 12th Instant and Last night yours of the 12th Came to hand rejoice to hear you enjoy so good a State of health I heard from Children at Dedham last wednesday they were as well as Could be expected and have an agreable Situation expect your Wife, Child and Sisters will Likely Break out this week. Shall advise you from time to time how they Suceed but for a few days Shall be under a disadvantage to hear from them as I Set out to morrow morning for Hartford to Attend a Special

Assembly hope to return the Latter End of the week. as to the Artickels of Coats etc. that you Sent for your Mam'a will Send on per first Opp'y. want to hear the Consequence of the Late movments of our Enemy with regards to your Brothers and all Friends Remain your Affectionate Parent

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

P.S. I Inclose you a Letter Sent forward to you some time ago and yesterday returned to me.

[Superscribed] To Capt. Joshua Huntington at North Castle in Gen'l Washingtons Camp.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Hartford Nov'r 29th 1776.

Dear Son

I Just Rec'd advice from your B'r A'w H. that Our Friends at Dedham were in a fine way and Expected to be well enough to Return to N'h next week and the Barer waiting Cannot add only to desire you to Inform Colo'l Chester as I have not time to write him. your affectionate Parent.

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

P.S. The Assembly adj'd this day and I am just Setting out for N'h.

[Superscribed] To Capt. Joshua Huntington at North Castle Per Mr. Jesse Brown.

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

North Castle Dec'r 4th 1776

Hon'rd Sir

I Rec'd yours of Nov'r 17th. Since which our army Have been constantly on the move, as to there Present Situation itt is Impossible to give you Brother Jed is Stationed ab't 50 Miles Distant From me, in the Jerseys. Brother Chester and Eben'r are att Peek Kilns ab't 30 Miles. they Were all well, a few days ago. there is a boddy of the

Enemy in the Jerseys as far as Hackensack The Remainder I Beleave are on York Island. Wee have a flying Report that there is a fleet of the Enemy Lying att Frogs Point, if so I think itt Likely they Intend a Visit to some Part of New England, hope the people will be Spirited to oppose them wherever they go. I Rec'd a Letter from Thomas Fanning* Dated N York Nov'r 26. he was then well and Walking the Streets on parole. I wish to hear that our 3 Mo. Men Engage fast as I am affraid our army Will Soon be very Thin. Please to give Duty to Mother and Love to Brothers and Sisters. from your affectionate Son

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

MIDDLETOWN Jan'y 2, 1777.

Dear Son

I have the pleasure to hear you are Safe Returned to Norwich and our Family are in usual health. We have agreable news from General Washingtons Army† the particulars I wrote to your Mama this morning, to which refer you. I am in hopes to Return tomorrow or next day but perhaps Shall be dissapointed and if so and you judge my fatt Cattle at Adgate Farm best to be Butcher'd order them killed and take part of them for your own use save what part your Mama thinks proper for my Family and the Rest Salt up the barer waiting Cannot add but Remain your Affectionate Parent

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

P.S. I had Letters from Daughter Chester this day She and Family well.

[Superscribed] To Capt. JOSHUA HUNTINGTON In Norwich Per Mr. Minor.

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*Quartermaster Colonel Jedidiah Huntington's regiment, taken prisoner in the Battle of Long Island, August 27, 1776.

†The Battle of Trenton was fought Dec. 26, 1776.

JOSEPH TRUMBULL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WINDHAM 11th Feb'y 1777

Dear Sir,

I wish you to purchase for me Ten Tons of Potash, that is so much more than what Colo. Williams* of Lebanon and my Bro'r Jonathan† will send you, as to make Ten Tons in the whole, or thereabout. Buy it as Cheap as you can. Doct'r Lathrop has a quantity, Mr. Devotion also, and Mr. DeWitt of this place. The last I bo't for the Army, was at £27. go as high as £30, but get it as low as you can. Have the whole Weighed and Marked TWD, and the Weight put on each Cask. You'll as soon as it is ready, forward the same to New London to the Care of Winthrop Saltonstall Esq'r, to be delivered Joseph Webb or Order. When you are buying this Potash buy Four or Five tons more for me and keep it in your Store 'till called for. when you have sent off the forementioned ten tons potash, give Mr. Benj'a Dyer a proper Invoice of it. you'll easily conceive the above 10 Tons is not for the Army. let it not be known. I buy it under that Cover, and mean to have it considered so, that the Price may not be raised. I am going to Boston, and shall be gone near or quite a fortnight. I consented to your Father yesterday that you should undertake one of the ships. I conceive it may be done, and afford me Assistance as I want also. Don't neglect the Potash to have it forwarded soon. call on Colo. Wms. and Mr. Trumbull if the[y] don't send theirs soon. however buy Ten tons, beside theirs, let that be what Quantity it may. I am Dear Sir Your humble Serv't

JOS: TRUMBULL.

[Superscribed] To Capt. JOSHUA HUNTINGTON, Merch't, Norwich.

*Williams, William, 1731-1811. Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

†Trumbull, Jonathan, Jr., Paymaster-General of Northern Department 1775-78.

NATHANIEL SHAW, JR., TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London February 14th 1777

Sir,

I Received yours of this date per the barer and in Answer, Can only Say, that I give the Workmen on my Ship from Four to Six Shillings per day and I find them, the Master Workman I Suppose must have Two Dollars and he to find himself, the Iron I gave thirty pounds per Ton for, and am to pay Twenty Shillings per Ct. for working. the Timber I purchas'd Standing on Fishes Island, and made no other Bargain only to pay the Customary price. I am Sir Your hum'e Serv't

NATH'L SHAW Jun'r

HUGH HUGHES TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Hartford March 2nd 1777

Sir

I desir'd Charles to wait on you as he went to Providence, to see if any kind of Duck, Old Sails etc. could be procur'd in your Quarter, but he had not the Luck to find you at Home.

' I beg you will purchase all there is, and advise of it, as soon as done.

He is order'd to wait on you as he returns from the same Place again, if he does not see you as he passes thro' your Town. Please to favor me with a Line.

Extract of a Letter from Headq'rs Morris Town Feb'ry 21st, to your Hble Svt.

[In another handwriting,]

'We form a Circle almost round the Enemy, and scarce a day passes without skirmishing, a few days since a party of General Putnams division, attacked a party of the Enemy, about three Miles from Brunswick and made 60 Prisoners, among whom is Stockton* who lead the Party, who took General Lee,† scarce a Day passes without desert-

*Stockton, Richard V., Major in the New Jersey Volunteers.

†Lee, Charles. Colonel William Harcourt had this party. See *American Revolution*, Trevelyan, III. 67.

ers comeing in they say Howe means to attack us very soon. It's said in Philadelphia that a French Privateer Ship of War has taken an English Merchant Man and carry'd her into a French port in the West Indies. Capt Wicks (who carry'd Doct'r Franklin to France) is returned to Philadelphia. he says the English Embassador is called home from the French Court.'*

[In the original handwriting,]

My little daughter omitted that Every Thing wore the greatest appearance of an immediate War, and that a Number of French Passengers arriv'd in Wicks, at Philadelphia. How does this suit your Taste Sir? I am, with great Regard, Sir, your very Hble Serv't

H HUGHES D M G

BARNABAS DEANE TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

D'r Sir,

On the Desire of Capt. Lester I write you at this time In Regard to Long pine Timber for the Frigate Under Your Direction. My advice is that there Should be no time Lost in Sending high up on Connecticut River and procuring the Masts Yards and Long pine timber for plank which if not got Down the River in the Springtime Cannot be got at any Other Season. Also that Mr. Jonathan Bush is gone up for to get pine Timber for the frigate to be built at Chatham and that he would be a Suitable person to Employ in that Service if you Should think proper to Send.

Please to Excuse the Liberty I have Taken and Believe me to be D'r Sir Your Very Hum'e Serv't

BAR'S DEANE.

P. S. Excuse haste the Bearer being Waiting.

WETH[ERSFIEL]D 3d March 1777.

*Viscount Stormont was not recalled at this time, but retired from Court. See *Warren-Adams Letters*, I, 302.

BENJAMIN TALLMADGE* TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WETHERSF'D March 9th 1777.

Dear Sir,

I must take the Liberty once more to trouble you with a line respecting the oats mentioned in a foregoing letter. I made bold (not doubting your willingness to serve the Publick in any way possible) to direct Serj't Brewster to send in a quantity of oats to your Store, and directed him to call on You for as much money as the oats should am't to at 2/o per bushel. Serj't Brewster was lately at this Place, and spake with me about the method of conveying s'd oats to this Place. But this he will have nothing to do with, and if he delivers the oats will do full as much as I expect or wish of him. Our Reg't of Horse will Consume a great many oats and for this reason I am induced to procure them at such a Distance.

If there should be any considerable quantity of oats sent in to You, or if you should procure them yourself; and should you know of any good opportunities to forward them to this Place, I should be glad if you would send them on.

If any are ordered on in this way, be good enough to send an acc't of the Quantity forwarded, and then give the Driver an order on me for the money you shall agree to give him for his trouble; unless you should chuse to pay s'd Teamster yourself. But if you find it too troublesome to take this also upon you, must beg the fav'r to have them remain with you till further measures may be taken about them. With Respects to Friends, I am your very h'ble Serv't

BENJAMIN TALLMADGE.

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*Benjamin Tallmadge, Captain, was promoted to Major, April, 1777.

OLIVER WOLCOTT* TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

PHILADELPHIA 11 March 1777

Sir,

Mr. Hancock has delivered me your Letter to him, and desired me to Return an answer to it, and it might be proper for me to notice to you that the mode of Application at the Marine Board is thro the Delegate of that State from whence the Application arises. Mr. Perkins came to this City and was here informed of the Adjournment of Congress to it which prevented his going forward. When Congress left Baltimore they directed that a Sum of Money should be bro't forward, but it has not yet arrived, that no delay might be suffered in your Business I obtained an order for Thirty Thousand Dollars on this Loan Office, but upon Application for the money, find it intirely Exhausted tho' the Payment into it of late have been liberal, and previous orders unanswered will prevent my receiving of it there for some time, but as I think that it will not be many days before the money comes from Baltimore I shall retain Mr. Perkins for the present. you may undoubtedly count that Sum to put forward the Frigates which you and Mr. Cotton have to Build, and such other future advancements as may be necessary.

As to the Draught or Description of the Frigate which you are to Build, it has of late been neglected to be sent, the Committee have left it to the Discretion and Emulation of those employed in the several States to Rival each other in the Perfection of Building. But I shall endeavour to send (or procure it to be done, by the Board of Assistants to the Marine Department who act under the Direction of the Marine Board) such Draughts as may be proper. Wishing of you Sir, success and much Honour to yourself in the Conduct of your Business, I am Sir with Respect your most Obedient humble Servant

OLIVER WOLCOTT.

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*Wolcott, Oliver, 1726-97. Member of the Continental Congress in 1776 and 1780: signer of the Declaration of Independence.

SAMUEL B. WEBB TO [JOSHUA HUNTINGTON?].

WETHERSFIELD March 18th 1777

Sir

Your letters of the 13th Inst came to hand per Post together with the Cloath which will be done seasonably to forward you by the next weeks Post, at least the Taylor promises it. Every man you enlist that has a Gun, let him bring it by all means, those that are not good I will endeavor to exchange, and those that are shall be paid. Accourtraments such as they have will not be amiss. I have no objection to your enlisting a few likely Indians provided they are Men which will not desert, get drunk etc. Our faceings and underdress is white. I can procure white Cloath to face your Coat but you must look out for Waistcoat and Breeches. Linnen will do for the summer, but its necessary to have one set of Cloth. I had always supposed and still do that you have a right to enlist any Men from the service of the *State* into that of the Continent, however I will make further enquirey into the matter. There is some mistake in the Buttons, only the pack of Coat came to hand, if any more to be had you will be kind enough to purchase them. with my most Respectfull Compliments to your Father family and friends I am Sir Yours etc.

SAM'EL B. WEBB.

P. S. on second tho't I should rather have no Indians.

BENJAMIN HUNTINGTON* TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH March 19th 1777.

Hon'd Sir

The Bearer Mr. John Salt Marsh has for a Long Time Desined to go to the Enemy at New Port and wants to take the Benefit of the General's Proclamation which I wish he may and that every Person of the Same Cast would Do the

*Huntington. Benjamin, (1736-1800), son of Daniel and Rachel (Wolcott). He graduated at Yale in 1761; was clerk of the House 1776-7; Speaker 1778-9; Member of the Continental Congress 1780-4, 1787-8, and Member of the United States Congress 1789-91.

Same he has a Boat upon Pay for the Purpose and others are in Waiting on the Same Voyage I Can Recommend him to your Attention as one who had better be Removed than Remain among us. I am Sir your Humble Serv't

BENJ. HUNTINGTON.

Please to Make my Excuse to his Honor the Gov'r for being Abscent a Day or two as I have this Morning Purchased a Fine Boy of Mrs. Peck and must Attend to the Necessary Appendages of the Bargain.

B. H.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO BENJAMIN HUNTINGTON.

Norwich March 19, 1777.

Sir

yours of this date Came to hand Relative to Salt Mash I am Just this Moment Setting out to Lebanon and have not time to Look into his affair but as you are acquainted with all the proceedings about him and Trust if any Certificate is nessecary more than the Com'ee of Norwich has done you'l be able to do it properly I know nothing ag't his being at Liberty to go to England. from your Humble Servant

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

ASA WATERMAN TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Providence 7th Aprill 1777

Dear Sir,

I sent you per Jno. Bond Two Quintall fish the Best I Could procure.

Capt. Perkins Desired me to procure him Sum Green Tea for you if to be had not Dear their is Sum in Town To be had at Eight or Nine Dollars per lb. if you should Chuse any of it you will Send me word and I will procure it and Forward per first oppertunity.

Mr. Nat Shaw say he Desired you to send Capt. Jno. Hopkins Two Barr'll Best Flower Supposed it had Come to

hand before this finds it has not Desires I would Informe you to Send it per first Oppertunity.

If you should have any Commands this way, you may freely Command Sir, Your most Ob'dt Humble Serv't

ASA WATERMAN.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Sunday 12 o'Clock, 27th.

Sir

A Letter from your Son dated Danbury 26th contains Intelligence of greatest Importance* I desire your Attendance in Council *immediately.* Inform Mr. Huntington that he come also, tis probable the Grand Operations of the Enemy are commencing. the Enemy are mov'g up the North River, as well as Land'g a Body of Troops on *Compo* Hill between Fairfield and Norwalk. Your humble Servant,

JON'TH TRUMBULL.

[Superscribed] Colo. JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

[Indorsed] Letter from Gov'r Trumbull Ap'l 27, 1777.

NATHANIEL SHAW, JR., TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

HARTFORD May 12th 1777

Sir,

I find that the Commissary General is in great want of Bread kind, and I have Consented to let him have all that is att Norwich in Capts. Bill & Perkings hands, you'l Please to Receive it for his Acc't and gave a Receit for it that I may have it Settled before I leave Hartford and you will Oblige Your hum'e Serv't

NATH'L SHAW JUN'R.

*The British attack on Danbury. See *Records of the State of Connecticut*, 1776-78, I. 214; *The American Revolution*, Trevelyan, IV. 117.

THOMAS SHAW TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London May 13 1777

Sir

Inclosed is an order for 25 hhd. Rum on Capt. Jabez Perkens which please to Receive on Acco't and Risque of the Com's General taking off the Guage and sending me a Rec't for the Number of Gallons.

Also a Rec't for the Beef and Butter that Rogers has delivered you.

In behalf of Nath'el Shaw Jun., Your Hum Serv't

THOS. SHAW.

JEREMIAH WADSWORTH TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Hartford May 20th 1777

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 18th I have this minute rec'd. I had before rec'd your other Letter on the same Subject. The Governor advised to the moveing what stores belonged to the Com. Gen. back into the Country, especially the salted Beef and Pork at Norwich. I have such great Quantities of Provisions to be moved that if the Butter was here, I coud not stir it the Roads are very deep and Muddy and the Teams are already Poor. I desire You will do with the Butter as to You shall seem best I am in great hast Dr. Sr. Your most Hum. Servant

JERE WADSWORTH.

P. S. The Jamaica spirit You will send here if You think best but if it coud be as Well and as safely disposed of with or Near You it woud suit me better.

DANIEL TILLINGHAST* TO NATHANIEL SHAW, JR.

New London May 26th 1777

Sir,

in Consequence of your order of the 5th of April on Capt. Joshua Bliven I Rec'd the 15th Instant twenty firkins

*Tillinghast, Daniel, Colonel in the Rhode Island militia.

Butter as I could not Gett any teams at that time did not Call on him for the Remainder till a few Days Past when I found it was all Removed to this Place. the frigatts at Providence are order'd out and will be man'd in a few Days but Cannot Go to Sea without I can Gett of you five or Six ton of Ship Bread, and 40 firkins of Butter. your Brother thought it best I should wright you on the Subject Should be Glad of an order Directed to Capt. Thos. Allon at Mr. Bacuss at Norwich Landing with whom I shall Leave the Busseness who will Ingage teams to forward it to Providence. I have Purchast for you the Grape Shot and shall have it all made up in about ten Days Should be Glad of your orders where to send them I can Send you what is finish'd by the Return of the teams that Brings the Butter and Bread. in Great Haste I am Sir your Humble Servant

DAN'L TILLINGHAST.

[Superscribed] To NATH'L SHAW, JUN'R Esq'r, Hartford.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

HARTFORD June 3d 1777.

Dear Son

I Rec'd a letter that you directed to the Marine Com'ee at Philadelphia which I Shall forward per next Post if no good opp'ty sooner would have enquire into the State of my Farming business and give any necessary directions hope to be home this week but fear I shall not.

as to news refer you to Colo. Jed H. Letter and to Rufus for the runing Intelligence have made application for the Cannon at Dartmouth for your Brig'e but Cannot yet Obtain but Still in hopes of Ob'g them if not Shall obtain an order for the Same quantity at Salisbury and if at Salisbury have applied for Shot Likewise as the Furnis is in Blast hope they may be soon obtained there if from Dartmouth Suppose there is Shot and Swivels with them as to the app'ts of Field Officers in the 20th Reg't which was passed in the Upper House Some time Lay in the Lower House untill yesterday and then Concurred with Mr.

B. H. told me this day without any opposition this hint I give you but wish you to be Slow in giving out that it is got thro' I shall take Care to bring the Com's I am your affectionate Parent

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

To Maj'r Joshua Huntington.
[Superscribed] To Captain Joshua Huntington In Norwich.

ROBERT LIVINGSTON* TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Manor Livingston 6 June 1777

Dear Sir

Mr. Simeon Huntington just now delivered me your favours of the 3 Current, as I have not the Quantity of Iron by me he just now wants, having been obliged to Supply the Northern Army, and for which have not quite finished their Compliment; durst not lett him have more than Ten Tuns, at this time for which he paid me at £95. per Tun the present current price, and for which he has my orders to the Clarks at the Forges, where I trust it will be deliverd him, the remainder to make up the 25 Tun, shall Endeavour to gitt made so as to be ready in about 4. or 5 weeks.

I shall want 10. hheads of Rum home stilled, or West-ind'a wish you to be so good as to procure me them as soon as possible and when bought to lett me know that I might Either send the Money and fitch them, or pay in Iron as it might Sute you. the price I coud afford is uncertain so must limitt somewhat in gross, from ten shillings lawfull to 14/ for very good west ind'a and from 8/ to 12/. for home made. Your complyance will greatly oblige Dear Sir, Your Most obediant Humble Serv't

ROB'T LIVINGSTON.

I wish you to buy me one hundred Bushels of Salt to Supply my Ironworks, for without it I cannot carry them on. lett me know that I may send for it.

* Livingston, Colonel Robert, 1708-90.

ROBERT LIVINGSTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

MANOR LIVINGSTON 13 June 1777

Dear Sir,

Since I wrote you by Mr. Huntington, (who received the Ten Tuns of bar Iron, at my different Forges, and had it carryed by my ore teams to Canaan) a number of my workmen have Petitioned me, to increase their wages, aledging that they cannot support their families on the wages, agreed with me this Spring; while all the necessaryes of life are risen in price far above, what they then were; occasioned by this unnatural war; as this is a fact, which cannot be denyed, and which I sencibly feal, as well as they; I looked upon myself, obliged in Justice, to the poor people, to agree with them anew, and make them a further allowance, the consiquence of which you may Judge must be the raising of my Iron, and pigs, and which must be considerable too, to make me whole for all the advanced wages, to every one in the different branches, so that you must expect to pay an advanced price if you have any more Iron, from me, and this I Expect you will not think hard of me neither, for its impossible for me to carry on my works without these men, and it's but reasonable they should live by their labour.

My Forges, shall in the mean time be drawing such Iron as Mr. Huntington orderd, as fast as possible, unfortunately for me, two of my fires at present lay Idle for want of workmen who are gone in the army, which is a great hinderance as well as loss to me. I sent a man to Jersey to Endeavour to procure me three others. he is not yet returned his Success is doubtfull

Upon the whole, the difficulties in my way of business, increase so fast that I know not whether it will be possible to continue my works even this Summer, and if I cannot, the Consiquence will be the want of Iron in two, if not in three of the United States. Malencholy to think of, I mean to Exert all my possibles in carrying on these usefull works, and please as far as in my power.

wish you to be able to procure the one hundred bushels of Salt desired in my last; and the rum if to be had at my limitation. I will pay you for the trouble, with thanks, please to lett me know what price Superfine flower will fitch in your Quarter, per Ct. I remain with respect D'r Sir, Your Most Ob't H. Servant

ROB'T LIVINGSTON.

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WETHERSFIELD June 22d 1777

Dear Brother

I have this moment Rec'd your favor of 10th Inst. per Capt. Ingraham who informs me he has the Kiggs of Rum and Molasses you mention on Board which I expect to Receive when I ship the Corn for you which I propose to do Early tomorrow Morning and According to the enclosed Acc'ts which I have the Rather stated as I find you have made a small error in my favor in the Charge of 8 Gallons Rum @ 7/8—£3.0.0 should be £3.1.4.

We have nothing special from the Jerseys except what Mr. Webb inform'd the Gov'r and his Council of, which I conclude comes to you by Father Huntington. We expect every day to hear of a Battle. I wish we Could reasonably hope to be on an equality with them as to Numbers, but I fear theirs surpass ours at present though I trust this will not long be the Case.

Brother Ebby sets sail for Camp this Day in high Spirits. Colo. Shelden* has positive orders to March to Head Quarters Immediately whither he has Arms or Stirrups or not. I conclude similar Orders have been Issued to all the Commanding Officers of Reg'ts and hope before long we shall have a formidable Army in the field, and be able to give a Good Acc't of our Enemy.

Mrs. Chester My Mother and Sally Join me in Affectionate Regards to Yourself Lady and all our Relations and friends with you as proper. Believe me to be Your real Friend and Affectionate Bro'r

JOHN CHESTER.

* Sheldon, Elisha, Colonel 2nd Continental Dragoons.

THOMAS SHAW TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London July 16 1777

Sir,

I am Informed that you have a number of Sparrs for the Ship, and we are in great want of a few small Sparrs for a Continental Brig. Resistance which we are now fitting out and will be ready soon if you will Lend us the following

1 Main Boom 55 feet 11 Inches
1 fore yard 44 feet 10 Inches
1 Cross Jack Yard 44 feet 10 Inches
6 small Spars of 7 Inches

and we will replace them if that be most agreeable. Please send us one barrel Oyle and Charge to N Shaw jr. on his behalf I am Sir Your Most Hum'le Serv't

THOS SHAW.

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Wethersfield July 23d A. D. 1777

Dear Brother

Mrs. Chester informs me that you soon propose to visit Bedford with a view of procuring some *sugar* among other things, and that you was kind enough to offer to assist us in the same way in case I would write you. If you find it Convenient while you are on the Business to purchase me about 200 lb. you would much Oblige me; the price I must leave entirely with you, as 'tis impossible to know how it will be. Indeed I fear but too high, but I think it cannot equal our price here which I suppose is more than £100 per Hogshead. If you find it too high to purchase for yourself, you will let me go sugarless also. We expect 50 lb of Coffee of Bro'r Andrew so that we hope to live along a little longer with out eating fat Pork only for Breakfast, Dinner, and Super. I Pity the good man's poor wife. I'm told she is unwell. But He *will do so.*

Say how'de to sister Hannah and little Betsey and all the good people with you. We have nothing very Remark-

able with us. Our Militia are all Order'd to be in Readiness to March on the shortest notice.

Col. Webb Writes from Camp 19th Inst. that our army at Peeks Kill are strong and in fine Spirits and altogether fearless of Sir William or any under him, and that the Army in general very much Resent the Conduct of the Northern Army* and that the Officers all say that America must have a *Byng*.† Plain English I think! He adds that General Washington has been heard to say that had it not been for the misconduct at the Northward he had no doubt but that he should have been able to have Established the peace and Independancy of America. An Acc't came yesterday to town that Gen'l Schyler was in Goal on acc't of having Order'd Ticonderoga‡ to be evacuated. I believe it to be false.

You'll be kind enough to advise me of your success on your Return and the news of the day with you if your leisure will permit. Believe me to be your much Obliged and Affectionate Bro'r

JOHN CHESTER.

If Molasses should come in your way handy and Cheap I mean Reasonable for the times should be Glad to procure a little more though not drove very hard at present. A Store is no sore.§ But dont put yourself in the least out of the way for it. I dont desire you to procure so little a Quantity as I want without you apurchasing more for yourself or other people.

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*Conduct of Northern Army after Ticonderoga. *See American Revolution*, Trevelyan, IV. 106.

†Byng, John, 1704-1757. British Admiral, condemned by Court-martial and shot. August 19, 1777, John Adams wrote: "I think we shall never defend a post until we shoot a General. After that we shall defend posts, and this event, in my opinion, is not far off." *Familiar Letters of John Adams and his wife Abigail Adams during the Revolution*, Adams, p. 292.

‡General Schuyler was not to blame for the surrender of Ticonderoga. See *Public Papers of George Clinton*, II. 102, 112.

§The wise man sayth, store is no sore. (John Heywood).

JARED TRACY* TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston 23rd July 1777

D'r Sir,

I wrote you some time since that I had purchas'd the naval stores you mention'd. 'My Brother' tells me you expect to send for them soon, it is very nessacary you should if you intend to have them for it is impossible to keep them here. Near one half of the Pitch is gon already. I have some prospect of having it replac'd but whether I shall be able to or not can't say. I hear'd you mention that you should want a Quantity of Lead. I believe there is some, to be bot. here now, but it will likely be dispos'd of soon. I am D'r Sir Your Friend and Hum'e servant

JARED TRACY.

Have Bo't
10 Barr's Turpentine
20 Barr's Tarr
20 Barr's Pitch of which there is 10 left.

ROBERT LIVINGSTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Ancram the 28 August 1777

Dear Sir,

On Receipt of your letter of the 16 current per Mr. Zephaniah Huntington, I was obliged to go up to this place, to see what Iron was made, and to deliver it, as all my Clarkes, Forgemen, Furnace men, Carpenters, Carters, and some of my Colliars, are all gon up, to assist in repelling this present invasion. God grant them the desired Success. all my works at Present lay Idle, and have done for this month past, and when I shall be able to begin again is a Question I cannot determine but you may depend it shall be, as soon as my hands return again.

all the Iron I found ready made was only Eight Tun and a half which is weighed off and deliverd, and for which Mr. Huntington paid me Eleven hundred and Ninety pounds Currency as per Receipt given him, being 350 Dollars per

*Tracy, Jared. Commissary during the siege of Boston.

Tun, the price I sell at to every one, and very high it is, even malencholy to think off, and yet not in my power to help it at present, for there is no End to the rise of wages, and all manner of Necessarys, of life.

I see you could not procure me the Rum, nor Salt, desired in mine of the 6 June. have happily got a Supply of both from Boston tho at a most Extraordinary high price as everything else is nowadays.

I shall do my Endeavour to gitt the remainder of the Iron made for you as soon as in my power. all the Rudder Irons are ready drawn and lay at my house you may order them fitched as soon as wanted. am D'r Sir Your most H. S't

ROB'T LIVINGSTON

EZEKIEL WILLIAMS* TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

HARTFORD 28th Aug't 1777

Dear Sir,

On Gen'l Prescott's desire I wrote to Colo. Peck of Providence, desiring him to forward some Baggage which he supposed was in his hands, sent for him from Newport, and have rec'd an Answer from Colo. Peck, the Copy of which I now Enclose.

If the Baggage is Come to your hand, beg the favor you would forward it as soon as may be, as the Gen'l, (you may easily believe in his Situation) is very Anxious about it. He thinks he has money and some Valuable Treasures in one of the Trunks. hope and trust you will take every precaution that none of the things be opened or any way Injured. One Instance of that kind we have had in Hartford, which I look upon (as I doubt not you will) very dishonourable and scandilous. Wish nobody might know to whom they belong. Am sir your Assured Friend and very Humble Serv't

EZ'L WILLIAMS.

* Williams, Ezekiel. Commissary of Prisoners.

(Copy) PROVIDENCE 23d August, 1777

Sir

This day rec'd your Letter of the 8th Inst't in which you desire information respecting General Prescott's Baggage.

The 1st Instant came in a Flag from Rhode Island, Two Trunks, a Sea Chest. and two or three Letters directed to Gen'l Prescott, and his Aid de Camp. But as they came to the Care of another Gentleman, did not pay that attention to forwarding them, as I should had they come to my Care.

However, last Monday, observing, they were not forwarded, I took the Liberty (in the Gentlemans absence) to send them to the Care of Major Joshua Huntington Norwich, desiring him to convey them to the Gen'l the first safe opportunity, who I suppose has receiv'd them e'er this. I am, Sir Your Most Obed't Humble Serv't

(Signed) WILL'M PECK.

E. WILLIAMS Esq.

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WETHERSFIELD August 29th 77

My Dear Brother

I am now impatiently waiting the Arival of your Vessel for my Onions. Have been able beyond expectation to get ready for you as my Onions Ripen'd the first in Town so that I have by me ready bunched, rising of 3000, or at least I could be able to Cart so many to-Morrow, and yet scarce any body has begun to pull.

You talked of having but 2000. If you should happen to want more I should be happy to serve you or any of your friends in that way. Any thing eatable or drinkable would serve for pay, Rum Sugar Molasses Brandy, Gin, Loaf Sugar Tea Coffe Butter Cheese and a thousand et Ceteras. The Barrel of Sugar and Coffe that we talked of I depend on.

By the way the Onions are fine and in Good Order. But I fear if they lie long high and Dry they will loosen on

the bunch as is commonly the Case. I have the Chance of the best bunchers in Town as other people are not yet generally engaged. Pray send as early as Posible after them.

Good Doctor Leonard is Dead and I heartily Sympathize with you and other freinds on the Loss of so valuable a Man. Young Capt. Alden* of Webb's Reg't also is fallen gloriously in the Cause of his Country. I need not particularize as undoubtedly you have had them, as fine a young fellow as ever lived.

The Siege at Fort Stanwix is broke up the enemy having decamped in great consternation leaving Tents Standing a great Quantity of Baggage and all their field Artilery.

You will have in the next Hartford paper the Orders Burgoine† gave the Commander of the party Gen'l Starks attacked and Conquered near Bennington. Curious Enough, I assure you. Indeed the pride and self-sufficiency of that same Burgoyne is amazing. I am much of Pierpont Edwards oppinion who said concerning him, that had he been in Heaven at the time of the first Rebellion he must have been Aid de Camp to Lucifer.

Mrs. Chester this Minute tells me she has Wrote her Mamma from Sister Webbs and among other things of the Onions. You'll think us all Onion-Crazy. Believe me Affectionately Yours

JOHN CHESTER.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board Eastern Department‡
Boston Sept'r 4th 1777

Sir

The board propose that the Ship Building under your Care at Norwich should mount Twenty Eight Twelve and Eight Six Pounders. you are therefore desired to Apply to

* Alden, Judah. Killed in a skirmish, Westchester County, August 22, 1777.

† General Burgoyne's instructions are printed in *Public Papers of George Clinton*, II. 242.

‡ The Navy Board, Eastern Department, consisted of James Warren of Plymouth, John Deshon of New London, and William Vernon of Providence.

the Owners of the furnice at Salsbury for having them Cast as soon as may be, that there may be no Delay for want of Cannon. we will send you a Mold or Pattern for the Twelve Pounders. you will also procure at the same place Two hundred Rounds of Shott Suitable for the Cannon and Inform us as soon as may be of the prospect you have of Geting them and in what Season. We are Sir your Humble Servants

J WARREN
JOHN DESHON.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

PROVIDENCE Sept'r 19th 1777

Sir

I Rec'd your favor per Capt'n Perkins and in answer to which, have Desired General Warren to Deliver you at Boston such Quantity of Salt as you shall send Carts for, for the purpose of puting up Provisions for Continantal use, you acquaint Mr. Wheat that he may assist in Geting up the Salt and assist and joine in puting up the s'd Provisions, and the sooner you Get the Salt the better. as to the Matter of money you will here from us on that head as soon as we here from Congress or the Marine Committee.

A Memo'm of Size of Cordige suitable for the Ship, we have, which no Doubt General Warren will forward you, and Such Cordige for her use as must be Carted from Boston, should be done soon. I am with much Esteem Sir your Friend and Humble Servant

JOHN DESHON.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Marine Board PROVIDENCE 7th Oct'r 1777

Sir

Yours of Yesterday we received by Mr. Bill, respecting the Carpenters leaving the Yard on Acc't of the excessive high Price of the necessaries of Life, and the lowness of their Wages viz 7/6 per day.

We have no authority by our instructions from the H'ble Congress to raise the Price of Carpenters Wages, yet we may venture (upon the present necessary occation) to permit you to advance their Wages, not to exceed 10/ per day, trusting to your prudence in geting them to Work as much under that as possible, until we shall Write to the H'ble Marine board at Congress upon the subject; when we shall have their answer you shall be made acquainted with their determination.

When you was in Boston, and made application for Money, we informed you, soon as we had Orders for Cash, you shou'd be supplyed, its not yet reached us. we are respectfully Sir Your most H'ble Serv'ts

WM. VERNON
JOHN DESHON.

CHARLES MILLER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston Octo'r 13th 1777

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 4th Instant have Just Received. I have loaded the teams with 77 barrels Naval Stores which wish Safe to hand. You are entirely welcom to my trouble in this Matter. I am Dear Sir Your most H'ble Serv't

CHARLES MILLER.

P. S. have also Sent One hhd. Salt for Capt. Tracy.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board Eastern Department
Providence Oct'r 13th 1777.

Sir

yours by Colo. Talman we Rec'd this morning in answer to which, we think it not Prudent to Give higher Wages to the Carpenters than 10/ per Day, and in Case they will not labour for Such Wages with there usual Allowance, Discharge them and look out for Others. we are Sir your Humble Servants.

WM. VERNON
JOHN DESHON.

JAMES WARREN TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston Octo'r 18, 1777

Sir

I have just dispatched the Teams you sent down with 326 bushells Salt Nine Coils Cordage Wt. 10^{ct} 0^{qr} 16^{li} and the Model for the Cannon which is an Extreemly fine one and Compleatly executed I hope the workmen at the Furnace will form their Cannon upon this pattern and I think they must Answer every purpose.

I can't conceive it possible to get good Cannon for the Ship Mr. Cushing is building at Salisbury neigher than the same works I must therefore beg you to Engage Twenty eight twelve pounders for that Ship in the same manner you do for your own and to be ready as soon as possible I am Sorry it is not in our power to furnish you with a sum of money knowing you must want it We have not yet received any from the Marine Committee We presume the Situation of Public affairs at the Southward and the removal of Congress from Philadelphia has prevented. We flatter ourselves we shall soon have some sent us and when received shan't fail to Supply you. We can furnish you with a quantity of Barr Lead whenever you send Teams for it. I am Sir Your most humble Serv't

JAS: WARREN.

The Leads round the Pattern are fastned with pins to fall in pieces after the Mould is Compleated I hope your workmen will understand the design the Beauty of the Cannon depends on it.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston Nov'r 3d 1777.

Sir

Yours per Capt'n Tracy of 29th Oct'r I duly Rec'd, in answer to which, am Sorry to tell you, we have Rec'd no Answer from the Honorable Marine Committee in Pensylvania Sence our last, and that it Still Remains out of our power to furnish you with Such a Sum of Money as is

Necessary to Enable you to Execute the Commission we have Given you, we flatter our Selves we Shall Very Soon have it in our power to Suply you with the Needfull and Shall be Sorry should the Carts not Come forward for more Salt. we hope the Carpenters will now be Satisfyed with there Wages, and Rest Assured that as Soon as the Honorable Co[ngre]ss puts it in our Power we Shall with Pleasure Comply with your Requisition. General Warren and Mr. Vernon are not at the board at Present. I am with much Esteem Sir your friend and Humble Servant

JOHN DESHON.

SILAS GOODELL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WHITE PLAINS November 5th 1777.

Dear Sir

I Now take this of writing to you hoping these Lines will find you and family well as they Leave me at this time and it is very healthy in the army. this Day we Encampt at kings Street after a Long march up north river. Gen'll Parsons Briggad is all at this place and marching Down towards kings bredg. I am in hops that we Shall Do Something yet before winter we have Don nothing but ben on the Goos Chase all this Summer but it Dont matter So much who Does the fiting So Long as we have Such Success at the northard and Southd I Suppose that you have hard of the Ship of Sixty four Guns and the thirty two Gun frigget that was burnt the other Day in Philadelphia river they Got aground and our People Sent the fire rafts Down and Burnt them.*

It is said that Gen'll how is in the Same way that burguine was and we hope to heare that he is in the hands of Gen'll washington and his army very Soon I hope that fiting will be over by next Sommer without Clothing groos Cheaper, for their is nothing to be bout for the officers but the Soulders have a plenty.

* The vessels were burnt by the British. *Warren-Adams Letters*, I. 375.

Sir I Send one hundred pounds of money by the Post to you and Shall be glad that if you will take the troble of it till I com home put it to any Use that you think best.

Give my Respects to Miss huntington and Littel betsy Should very Glad to Com home and See them but Cant yet So no more at present I am with respect yours etc.

SILAS GOODELL.

[Superscribed] To Maj'r Joshua Huntington In Norwich.
[Indorsed] Silas Goodale Nov'r 5th 1777.

JEREMIAH WADSWORTH TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Hartford Nov'r 9th 1777

Dear Sir

I rec'd Your favour of the 6th Instant and have concluded to take half the Schooner for my self and Col. Trumbull concludeing the price will be such as it ought. I think it wou'd best to send her to Ocracock in North Carolina and have the tobacco bro't there the expense of which will be about 30/ per H'd my reason for this is the Capes of Virginia are so infested with the Enemies Ships it will be almost impossible to get in or out I believe some Onions may do well. how many shall I procure. It is now no secret that General Huntington is to be Married to Miss Nancy Moore* who is now at my House and the General writes me I must let her go to Norwich if his Friends ask for Her; I wrote him for Answer we would not be selfish, she might Visit his friends but I expected to give her away at my own House, if this is news to you your good Father can explain the matter, but Nancy is a good Girl and we have determined to have as much of Her Company as Possible therefore You must not expect to have her all to Your selves. I intend on my way to Boston to come and see You but in the mean time You are to write me. I am with much sincerity Your freind and Hum. Serv't

JERE'H WADSWORTH.

*Moore, Ann, daughter of Thomas, married, as his second wife, Jedidiah Huntington.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board Eastern Department
Boston Novem'r 14, 1777

Dear Sir

We have just received from the Hon'ble Continental Congress an Answer to the Several Requisites made by this Board and now have it in our power to furnish you with a Sum of Money as will Enable you to prosecute the Building the Ship for the present and also purchase a quantity of Beef and Pork for the Navy This being the Season for purchasing Beef We request you and Mr. Wheat to Engage to Amount of 300 barrells as soon as possible We shall depend on you and Mr. Wheat for 300 barrells of Pork.

I purpose next week to be at Norwich and shall bring the Needfull with me We wish you would send for more Beef Salt. The Salt for Pork we will Endeavour to furnish you with at Norwich. I am Sir your most Humble Servant

in behalf of the board
JOHN DESHON.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board Eastern department
Boston Novem'r 15, 1777

Sir

We wrote you yesterday which went by Capt. Jabez Perkins which we doubt not will go safely to your hands Since which we have yours of the 11th Instant by Mr. Fanning and have Agreeable to your requisition paid him Twenty Thousand dollars which you will Credit us for and are Your most humble Servants

J. WARREN
JOHN DESHON.

THOMAS SHAW TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

N. London Nov 15 1777

Sir,

Should be glad you would send the barrel Oile. We have no Duck. There is a few bolts of Oznabrigs in Store

belonging to the Continent, if you can replase it you may send for a Bolt.

Winth. Saltonstall has sum Duck, his prise is £50 per Boult. it is £40 in Boston. In hast I am Sir Your Hum'e Serv't

THOS. SHAW.

THOMAS SHAW TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London Nov'r 15 1777

Sir

I wrote you this day in great hast without attending to your request of Lending you three Bolts Duck and one of Oznabrigs. we have no Duck or would oblige you with it. Winthrop Saltonstall has some for Sale but will not lend it. we have some Oznabrigs, can lend you a Bolt, if you send per Braddick. Col. Isaac Sears of Boston is to send me up sum Cordage soon, which may possible be a good opportunity to send up a few Bolts duck in each Teem. I am Dear Sir Your Humble Serv't

THOS. SHAW.

ASA WATERMAN TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Providence 15th Nov'r 1777

Dear Sir,

I rote you Conserning the Duck and Ozenbriggs Since which Capt. Thos. Fanning past through this Towne he saw your Father and Likewise I saw him he said the Duck must be provided he Beliefed at any price Therefore I Advised with Gen'l Huntington he Thought Best to procure it Accordingly I have sent the Duck by my Brother Orannah (?) which Cost £54 per Bolt which is £162 for the Three Bolts. the Ozenbrigg I have not sent as it appeared to me be so very Dear. I thought you would be Able to procure Som Cloath at a Much Lower Rate than to Give 15/ per Yarde for Ozenbriggs if you should Conclude to Give that Price I shall procure it and Send it forward per first oppertunity after Rec'd your Advice.

Any thing you should want this way you may freely Comm'd I am Sir Your most Obdt.

ASA WATERMAN.

EBENEZER DEVOTION TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

SCOTLAND 5 Dec'r 1777.

Dear Sir,

As by a late Law of this State, it is necessary that every Person who purchases for the Army or Navy sho'd have a Certificate from an Assistant in s'd State (of what nature s'd Certificate is, I know not, unless it be to shew that the Buyer is employed for the Public) and a Person purchasing without, is subjected to great penalties, so I cannot attempt purchasing for the Navy on any Terms, without the requisite qualifications.

Your Hon'd Father I suppose can give a Certificate; if not, I should be glad to know, from him, how I can proceed with Safety for I don't know that our Authority and Selectmen will grant Licences, they have not as yet. I could put up some provisions for the Public, and in so doing sho'd think I did them Service as well as myself, but to be rewarded with Six months Imprisonment, is what, would be no powerfull Temptation to one with my Feelings. if it is so, that I can proceed with Safety without dancing attendance on S....t m–n etc. I wou'd be glad you wou'd find me by Father Cogswell two or three Thousand Doll's, for which I will account with you in Due time. I depend on a Line from you by Mr. Cogswell who carries this. Interim remain, Dear Sir, your sincere Friend,

EBEN'R DEVOTION.

WILLIAM STORY* TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

BOSTON Decem'r 8th 1777.

Sir

In Compliance with your request to the Hon'ble Navy Board Eastern Department of the 28th Ulto. I have delivered Mr. Willoughby two hundred and forty four bushells and

*Story, William (1720-99). In 1765 he was Deputy Register of the Court of Vice Admiralty at Boston, and his house, in which his office was, was looted by the mob on August 26th of that year. It has been stated that he was a Loyalist (*Loyalists of the American Revolution*, Sabine, II. 337), and died in England; as a matter of fact he died at Marblehead, Mass. Joseph Story, Justice of the United States Supreme Court, was his grandson.

half of Salt and have Supplyed him with fifteen hogsheads to carry the same to you.

As none of the Navy board is present can't say what further they may think necessary to desire of you but when they come to Town shall inform them what I have done. I am Sir Your Most humble Serv't

WILL'M STORY Clerk to said Board.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London December 8th 1777.

Dear Sir

In answer to yours of this Day, by Mr. Bill, I am of Opinion that Cannon Cast from the Mold we have Sent to Salisbury for 12 pound Canon is by far the best of anny I have seen on the Continent, and Doubt not but they may be Cast by the time we are Ready for them, the Ship at Salsbury must be Provided for first. Your Ship will not want hers till May or June Next. I wish the Six pounders might be Cast in the same proportion to the 12 pounders. we can but take other Cannon at last Shift. I find it Very Defercult to Change the Certifycates into Cash Can only beg you'l Change as Many as Posable I Return to Boston in few Days when Shall be able to furnish you with further Suplys. Expect to See you at Norwich on my way. I am with much Esteem your Friend and Humble Servant

JOHN DESHON.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO COMMANDING OFFICERS AT NEW LONDON AND GROTON.

State of Connecticut.

I am this moment Informed that Brig'r Gen'l Persons was Left last night on Long Island at Oster pond Point with about three hundred Officers and Men and in want of Some aid from N London with Boats to Assist them in getting of if anything is in your Power to Assist in that affair would have you afford all proper Assistance advise with Mr. Natha'l Shaw on the Subject of Men under your Commands.

Given under my hand in Norwich this 14th day of Dec'r 1777.

JZ: HUNTINGTON Maj'r Gen'l.

To the Commanding Officers of the Forts at N London and Groton and Militia Stationd there.

RUFUS B. ABELL* TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Camp Pensylvania Dec'r 16th 1777.

Sir,

The Disappointment and lost Expectations I have meet with in this Country makes and Elivates my Opinion of New England the Place of my Nativity. I have said and Still are of Opinion that on Supposition that General How was in New England such a Distance from the main Ocean—and under such Surcumstances as he has been in sence he landed at the Head of the Elk—his Condition must now have been somthing Similar to General Burgoyne's (or worse). The Country here is inhabited by people of the Quaker Profession who will not Assist in the Field, and not only so but in General Enimies to the Cause Conveying every intelligence Possible under the Cloak of Friendship.

We are in a Moving Condition, our General Manuevre is Marching ones in twenty four Hours. we are Now on the west Side Schuylkill Waiting some Manuevre of the Enimies. tis Conjectur'd from this we are Bound to Lancaster for Winter Quarters, Which will not be Disagreable to our Wearied and Fatigue'd Soldiery. the Spirit of the Soldiers is great. Courage is not Wanting to Exiecute (I am bold to say) any thing they are Called to.

My Best Compliments to your Lady, Little Betsey, Betsey Williams etc. Forgive my not Particular Desribing knowing not who thy Family Consists of.

RUFUS B. ABELL.

N. B. the Northern Victory has Repriv'd New England Carector in the Opinion of the Southern Officers.

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*Paymaster 1st regiment Connecticut Line, June 1777.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

NORWICH Dec'r 19th 1777.

Hon'd Sir,

These Come per Colo'l Sam'l B Webb* who was taken a Prisoner last week and Sent to Newport he has obtaind Liberty to Come out on Parole to Obtain his Exchange for Liev't Colo'l Cambel as he was taken by the Oliver Crumwel† belonging to this State It seemes to fall under your Excellencys Jurisdiction to determine about the Exchange as Colo'l Webb has Obtained Liberty from the Commanding Officer at New Port for this Exchange, think he is Entitled to the Chance; and would propose wheather Colo'l Ely‡ might not be exchanged for Colo'l Delaney if application was made to Gen'l Putnam which is Submitted to your Excellency and remain with Esteem and regard your Excellency Humb. Serv't

JZ. H.

JOSEPH TRUMBULL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WINDHAM 29th Jan'y 1778.

Dear Sir,

Capt. Perkins, who I sent from Boston to Williamsburg in Virginia some time since called on me yesterday on his return. He tells me he met Mr. Fanning within 50 miles of that Place, all Well, and desires you to have him a New pair of Boots ready by the Time he gets back his old ones will be worn out. My Friend Writes Flour 15/ to 20/ per Ct., Iron £100 per Ton, Tobacco 60/ to 65/ per Ct. and rising, Rum W. I. 24/, Taffier 18/, etc. etc. If the Schooner brings Iron she'll do great things for us.

I wish I could see you. I think I am rather mending, and my Strength increasing but it is slowly. I want much

*Made prisoner while in command of an expedition against Long Island December 10, 1777; exchanged January 1781.

†State Man-of-War belonging to Connecticut.

‡Ely, Colonel John, Connecticut Militia 1777, taken prisoner on the Long Island Expedition December 10, 1777, exchanged December 5, 1780.

to get to Norwich to be in the way of Business. I am Dear Sir Your Friend,

JOS: TRUMBULL.

Mine and Mrs. Trumbull's Compliments to Mrs. Huntington.

[Superscribed,] Maj'r Joshua Huntington, Merch't, Norwich.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Providence Feb'y 10th 1778.

Dear Sir

Since my arival hear I have Rec'd Letters from the board at Boston, in which they inform me the Hon'd Marine board at York Town disaproves of Raising the Wages of the Carpenters to 15/ per Day, being of Opinion that when the United States have agread, and Completed that Agreament, Respecting the Stating the prices of Goods Labour etc. there will be no more Difficultys arise, but all things will go on well, it is my Sincere wish it may be so. I have Recomended to the board to Send you Certifycates for 10000. Doll's there being no Cash to be had at Boston. it may Posabley Enable you to Send forward Teems for the Cannon at Salsbury, and these may Return with Riging etc. for the Ship under your Care. I forgot to ask you what forwardness the Cannon where in for the Ship at Salsbury. wish a line from you soon. am Sir your Humble Serv't

JOHN DESHON.

JOHN DAVENPORT* TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Sir

Your Letter came safe to hand last Evening. I wish it had been a Week sooner as it would have enabled me easily to have procured the flour you desire. As it is I will engage to supply you with one hundred barrels at a price not less than 45/ per hundred, delivered here and at the

* Major 9th regiment, Connecticut Militia.

risque of the Continent while it remains here I must purchase the Wheat and procure it to be floured and In Consequence of what you wrote I shall immediately engage Wheat to serve Your purpose I cannot certainly determine but that I may be able to procure the 150 bbs. you desire. Flax may be procured at Stratford or Fairfield at 2/ or 2/6 per pound, Corn and Rye have really no price Rye may be purchased with more ease than Corn but there has been so little of it sold that they have not yet fixed a price. 10/ I believe would be the most for Rye and 8/ for Corn. These several Articles may be purchased as easily with money as with any West India goods except Salt. Imported Salt might be bartered away I believe advantageously. I should be glad of a little Sugar and a few bushels of imported Salt if the price be not too extravagant to barter away. You will advise me speedily when you would Choose to send for the flour as I shall have it made as soon as possible for were I to delay for your answer the Wheat would be most of it bought up. If you choose to have flax I will purchase as Low as it can be bought. 2/ I believe will be the lowest. I am Sir Your humble Serv't

JNO. DAVENPORT.

STAMFORD Feb'y 25th 1778.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NEW LONDON March 25th 1778.

Dear Sir

I know not what to say to you about the Matter you Mention, to give 18/ per Day will be a Violation of the Law of the State, at Same time I shall be Very Sorry to have a Detaintion on acco't of the Blacksmiths work of the Ship. if it can be done I Shall be Glad to have your old Smith Kept a little while longer, as we shall soon see whether the new regulations will take place. I am willing to leave the whole to your Prudence and Discretion and shall be fully Satisfyed with your Proceedings in the Matter. I am much Disapointed with Respect to the Ship Trumbull, the Navy Board have Invested me with full power to get her out of

the River, and when I Return'd I Expected have found the Ship prepaired according to my Directions when I left this place, but I find my Self Superceeded by order of his Excelency the Govenor and Council of Safty, who have appointed Capt'n John Cotton to Execute that Business, and made him Sole Director of the whole Matter. if you will Enquire of any of the Members of the Council of Safty whether the Honob'e Congress has Invested them with any New powers since the appointment of our Board, and write me as soon as may be you will much oblige me. I have much at hart the geting the Trumbull out of the River, and I am Very Sure I Could bring the Ship to Draw a foot less watter then She now does *(if what I here is true)** the prospect of a tide this night to get the Ship out is very Great, and I Sincerely wish She my Get out Safe if She Drew a foot less watter I should think the Risque Triffling.

I have nothing more to say then the Ship you are building must go on at all Events. I am Sir your Humble Servant

JOHN DESHON.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London March 31st 1778.

Dear Sir

I Rec'd your Favour yesterday and Note the Contents I have had great dependance on having the Guns from Salsbury furnis. I now wish we had the Mold back again, you will pleas to order it back as Soon as posable. I send you a quantity of Cordige Suitable for the Frigate you are now Carying on: it is time to look out for men to fix her Riging this Cordige falling in, will be a Very Great Saving to the publick as Carting is Costly and Difficult to be got. the men that fixed Mr. Shaws Ships Rigging will be Suitable me[n] to fix ours.

I wish you would take particular acco't of the Cordige as you Rec'e it into Store. if any more Riging Comes to

*Trumbull, Continental frigate built by Captain John Cotton. She was finally got over the bar in 1779. (*Naval History of the American Revolution*, Allen, II. 498), and was captured by the British in 1781 (*ibid*, II. 557.)

your hand Store it. the Trumbull lay at Seabrook yesterday last Evening was a Very high tide hope She is over the barr. the Ship Callombus* run a ground by which means She is lost Excepting her Cables anchors small arms Runing Riging Sails etc., hull and Standing Riging Burnt.

I should have gone to Seabrook Monday but was much not well, besides Capt'n Cotton does not want me, I am told. I am your Friend and Humble Servant

JOHN DESHON.

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Dear Brother

I forgot what you told me about my Gun which you had the Care of at Norwich; but should be much Obliged if you would send it to me per first safe and convenient Opportunity as I am now Gunless and in these days of frequent Alarms have much need of it.

I am very glad you was kind enough to steal and Carry of Mrs. Chester to wedding. I did not get home till Thursday night late and had never heard she was gone, and so was a little disapointed tho' agreably. Now I have to Request that you would just walk over to Brother Grooms,† and wish them much joy and abundance of happiness in my name and behalf and give the bride six kisses and tell them that 'twas not for want of an Inclination that I did not do myself the pleasure of waiting on them and rejoicing with them in person but on account of my urgent Business which having been long neglected was at this time very peculiarly pressing.

Please present my kindest love to Sister your Lady and Suitable Salutations to all other friends and believe me to be most Affectionately Your Humble Serv't

JNO. CHESTER.

I condole with you in the Death of your old horse.

[Indorsed] Colo. John Chester Letter 1777. [? April 1778.]

*Columbus, Continental Ship. She was trying to escape from Narragansett Bay, and was chased ashore on Point Judith. *Naval History of the American Revolution*, Allen, I. 306.

†Jedidiah Huntington and Ann Moore were married April 9, 1778.

JOHN LAMB TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston April 16th 1778.

Sir

I hear from toime to time that Mr. Hubbard makes Declarations that the Brig. Tryo was not sold in the Island of Granada but in the Prebitia (?) it's a great Pitty that he will Prosist in this, and Place a falsehood in the Room of the Truth. this will Ocation me to Publish the whole of the affair, from the time of my Aserting that She was not, and likewise his letter I Broke Direct'd to Mr. William Stewart, then the Publik may be our Judges and him that is Declar'd a falsehood must be under the Scandal of the same etc.

I hear Sind you a True coppy of mr. John Knights letter to me. he is a Gentelman of Undoubted Carecter, and was on the Spot at the time s'd Brig was sold. I shall have his and Capt'n Lathams Deposition with Regard to the matter and as Mss. Daniel and William Hubbard wuld wish to make me appear a false man I shall Indeavour to Clear my self of the Charge by suffitient Proofs.

A Coppy of Mr. Knights Letter To me

Piscataqua 14th April 1778

Dear Sir

I had the Pleasure Receiving yours by Capt. Nicholls was happy to hear of your Health: You Desire me to informe you Respecting Capt'n Cowells recommending the brig Tryo belonging to this country as a Verry fast Saylor that he Did Do it is a fact. also was Verry Pressing on them to Purchase hor for a Privatear, which they Did Do merely through his recommendation, and gave some small Consideration To Capt. Comton Comd'r the Snow Francis which they wore bargin for to be off their Agreem't the Brig. is now call'd the Revenge and I think she mounts 14 Guns. She took and brough into Granada before I left it, Capt. Elswood Belonging to Boston in a Schooner Capt'n sloan (?) in a schooner, Capt'n Hogg in a Schooner Belonging to Newbury. She Command'd by Capt. Daniel Camp-

bell and Hath since my leaving the Island, taken Eigh other Prises some of the Capt. of which have Got home since I wish we may come so near as to speake with Capt. Cowell. Prehaps he may finde the way to boston with many other of our Good Countrymen Capt. Campbell Cruses of Surrinam. any other commands or information I can give you I am at your Service. With utmost Respect Your H'mble Serv't

JOHN KNIGHT.

This Gentelman is Son to Capt. Knight of the Granadas and hath liv'd their Eight years. I have only this to Add, that if my Owner was on the Spot to take charge of his Interest Ide never lift my hand in the war as your Laws are Regardless of Such Proceedings in allmost Evry Respect. I will Heartily Promis never to Expose any one Tory more. I hope on the Presont cruze I may meet Mr. H's brig I will bring her with me or Dye by her Sence Mr. Hubbard hath Declard I have Ingured him he can but Acquess, when I Declare the whole affaire to the Publick in the Papers I Have Done wrong then I most Sertainly will Quietly Submit to my condemnation. Your Friend

JOHN LAMB

P. S. Maj'r Huntington Pray Settel that affaire of the Sloop Trumbull. it's a most cruel affaire to make me Suffer So much for Supplying that Interest without any maner of Views of Gaine: You surely know that by the laws, working at the Reduction of the Money of this country it hath become five times less Value than the Verry Peaces I let Capt'n Billings have. I never was tr'd so in my life before on acc't Supplying my friends Interest.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

STAMFORD April 18th 1778

Dear Sir

I have procured flour for you to the amount of 130 barrels at least I imagine when the whole is bolted I shall have more than that. Your sending for it soon will be

agreable. it will all be ready at farthest by next Week. Our situation here is such that we may be plundered by the Enemy if they are disposed for it. I should be glad of one barrel of Sugar, if it can be had at the stated price. I must depend on a few bushels of foreign Salt at the rate of 2 Ct. of flour for a bushel delivered here which is the rate at which the Eastern boats exchange it here.

Doc'r Cogswell has procured you 30 or 40 bushels of Rye which he procured before the Regulating Act took place and he has purchased no Rye and Corn since. I am Your friend and humble Serv't

JNO. DAVENPORT.

Be good Enough to procure me two pair of Wool Cards.

J. D.

WILLIAM SMITH TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

FISHKILL April 21st 1778.

Dear Sir

the twelve Tons of refined Iron I contracted with the Hon'ble Navy Board to deliver at Norwich, has bin laying by this Month owing to the scarceness of Forage, that the Team's cannot Traviel. I have now a Prospect of Sending the Iron on very soon. this may inform you that the Team's will want Money to pay them of on their arrival, agreeable to the Hon'ble Board's Order. should have sent it sooner, but have meet with the utmust difficulty to procure Team's. I am, with respect Y'r very Humble Ser't

WM. SMITH

Contractor to Con't Navy.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

FAIRFIELD April 23d 1778

Dear Sir,

I send by Mr. Geers two thousand wt. of flax and have taken his receipt to deliver it to you at Norwich landing, you paying him Customary freight. He is unwilling to go as far as Stamford, as his owner did not know that he pro-

posed to go father than Norwalk. I shall have at least 130 barrels of flour for You so much is now ready, and I believe I shall be able to make up 140 and perhaps 150 the Wheat that I purchased is not yet all floured, but All will be ready that I can procure before the Vessel can return. I hope you will send as speedily as possible. I shall be glad of three or four hundred of Sugar, and I must depend upon a few bushels of imported Salt at the rate of one bushel of Salt for two hundred of flour which is the rate at which the Bedford boats exchange at Stamford. I am Yours etc.

JNO. DAVENPORT.

P. S. Doc'r Cogswell has some Rye which he procured for You before the Regulating Act took place which was at 10/ per bushel I rec'd of You by my father £400.

L. Mo. J. D.

JABEZ PERKINS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich May 5th 1778

Dear Sir

this may Inform you that I have Bo't three quarter of Claments Schooner I Give him £294.0. for the 3 q'rts and shall Depend on your Being half Concernd with me Calver owens one quarter which he Chooses to hold and I think him a Very Good Man to keep in her.

if this Reaches you befor you Returne please to Give Calver what Orders you think best for freight etc. Your H'ble Serv't

JABEZ PERKINS.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board Eastern Department
Boston July 16, 1778

Sir

We propose in the Course of a few days to send forward two or three Officers to do duty on board and forward your ship, Among whom we propose Lieut. Gross* for one. he has had the care of the New Ship at Salisbury and Expresses

* Gross, Simon, 1st Lieutenant of the "Confederacy."

great Concern least the Shrouds should be Cut too short as has been the case with that Ship. he is of Opinion that your Masts should be of the length as below, and wishes the place for the Mizen Mast may not be fixed till he gets there. We wish to know per first Oppertunity what forwardness the Ship is in and are Your hum'ble Serv'ts in behalf of the Board

J. WARREN.

Main Mast 89 feet. The other Masts in proportion.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

STAMFORD July 20th 1778

Dear Sir

I have received but one of Your letters desiring me to procure you 50. or 100 bbs. of flour. it will be impossible to do it without you go to the Gov. and desire him to write to Gov's Clinton to permit it to come from the State of New York where I can readily procure the stores let him write for permission for 200 bbs. or m[ore] You may want again.

We fully rely upon it here that the French fleet is off the Hook and that they have come to co-operate with us against the common Enemy. I am with esteem your friend and humble Ser't

JNO. DAVENPORT.

ASA WATERMAN TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

PROVIDENCE 27 July 1778

Dear Sir

Gen'l Sullivan as made a Requisition to Capt. John Deshon for A Quantity of provisions that was put up for the Navy if he should Comply with the Request I Conclude the provisions is in your hands if he should Give orders to have any Quantity forwarded, Desire you would have it forward as soon as possible. if you Cant procure teames you will advise me and I will procure teams To Transport it, as the provisions must be forwarded without Delay. I am with Respect your Most Obd. Humble Serv't

ASA WATERMAN A. C. D.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London July 30th 1778.

Sir

I have this moment got home from Hartford, have finished the Arrant I whent upon. I find here a Letter from General Sullivan Sollicting for the Provision you and Mr. Wheat last fill Provided for the Navy Board, the Necessaty the army are under for this provission, makes it my duty to Comply with the Generals requissition, and should the Board have Ocation for Provission the same quantity must be replaced in Boston, therefore desire you will Immedatly Deliver to General Sullivans or to Asa Wattermans Order who is Issuing Commissary all the Beef and pork that is Belonging to the N. B. Except Such quantity as you may have ocation for for Imediate use. I Expect to see you in N. W'h in a few Days. I believe Mr. Rich'd Hoyle is at N. W. Landing waiting for an answer to the General Concerning this Matter, wish you would find him and Dispatch him. I am Sir your Hum'ble Serv't

JOHN DESHON.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Stamford July 31st 1778

Dear Sir

Yours of the 27th Inst't by Mr. Gale I have rec'd together with the Money and Certificates amounting to 2600 dollars in the whole, and shall set out this day for New York State. if the flour can be procured shall endeavor to send it on to you speedily. I heard Yesterday that the Commisaries had taken flour and wheat from several people lately for the supply of the Army this is a discourageing circumstance Yet I believe the flour may be obtained at least fifty barrels. with Compliments to your Lady and family I am Your friend and humble Ser't

JNO. DAVENPORT.

I should be glad you would send me half a dozen Pair of Cards if any Opp'y presents.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

STAMFORD Aug't 5th 1778

Dear Sir

I have been with Gov'r Clinton and have obtained permission to bring from the State of New York but Fifty barrels of flour* for the present. if your necessities should still be great there must be a second application. The Gov'r fears the Army will want tho' I imagine there are quantities of flour that are now spoiling.

The Fifty barrels of flour I have purchased at fourteen dollars per hundred and shall have to transport it by land from Tarry Town twenty three Miles from this place it will be ready in twelve days and I shall endeavor to send it on to you as speedily as possible. We have no news of importance in this part of the Country Our faces are towards the reduction of Newport, which I wish the Army and fleet may accomplish speedily. I am Your Friend and humble ser't

JNO DAVENPORT.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

STAMFORD Aug't 26th 1778

Dear Sir

I wrote You some time since that I had engaged fifty barrels of flour for you in the State of New York at fourteen dollars per hundred the flour was to be ready in one fortnight from the time I engaged it which was last week on Monday. I sent a man at the time appointed to know if the flour were ready, but he did not find the man at home. I was engaged in business through the whole of last week at Fairfield. I shall if the man has the flour ready procure it carted to this place next week I hope. I could procure permission for no more than fifty barrels of Gov'r Clinton I have exchanged of your Continental Certificates sufficient to pay for the flour. 1,000 Dollars in Certificates I have on

* See *Public Papers of George Clinton*, III. 590.

hand besides one Certificate of 200 Dollars which I gave the man of whom I engaged the flour and am to redeem it when I receive the flour if he chooses not to keep it. I am Your friend and humble ser't

JNO. DAVENPORT.

Doc'r Cogswell concluded you would not send for the Rye, by your delay, and had sold it before you sent for it.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

N. London Sept'r 23d 1778.

Sir

I acknowledge the rec't of your favours of the 21st with the Two bbls of flour, which were Very Exeptable. with regard to your carpenters wages, I would Have make the best terms with them that you can and by no means part with them untill the ship is finnished. She is now too far advanced to let lye, my advice is that you imploye as many hands as you can and get them on as reasonable terms as you can Am glad purchased of Mr. Mumford as you inform me. am your sincere friend and Humble Serv't

JOHN DESHON.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London Sept'r 29th 1778.

Dear Sir

I have great hopes of geting the Ship Trumbull out of the River the next full moon one difficulty attends this undertaking which is the Want of Bread for hands. Mr. Shaw has so manny Calls on him for that article he is not at present able to Suply us, if you can by any means furnish 20 bbs of Bread or flowr, it will be of Infinite Service to our Interprise. Mr. Bradick will hand you this and if have it in your powr to Suply us with that or less quantity he will recive it, and carry the same. write me if the Teames are gone for the Duck to Boston. your friend and humble Serv't

JOHN DESHON.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board Eastern department
Boston 5 Oct'r 1778.

Sir

We are now to answer yours of the 1st Instant at foot you have an Acco't of the Articles Sent up by Mr. Lothrop We note you have received Three thousand pounds Sent you by Mr. Deshon which we perceive you find insufficient for your present purposes by your Estimate Inclosed us it Appears you will have Occasion of £22960 to Compleat the Ship including provisions We think the purchase of provisions may be delayed some short time We have sent you by the bearer Mr. Elijah Wiloughby Thirty Thousand dollars which we hope will serve your Exigencys a Short time Until we can send you a further Supply that we hope will not be long The small Canvas for light Sails shall be sent by the Teemster when he calls for it We suppose you'l Mention the quantity wanted. In respect to Mr. Gross finishing the Cabin We don't Choose to have any thing provided but what is absolutely necessary for present use. We are very Respectfully Sir Your Humble Servants,

WM. VERNON,
on behalf of the Board.

70 ps. Russia Duck
6 thousand 20d Nails
ten thousand 10d do.
4 thousand 4d do.

THOMAS MUMFORD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Groton 7th October 1778.

Dear Sir,

I have Sent the Commissaries here all my Bread and flour, my Sloop will wait therefor in three days, Capt. Squire writes me I may Certainly Depend on 100 Barrels from him in Two weeks. pray Lend me Twenty Barrels Flour and Send down imediately Capt. Mumford will forward them. I wou'd not ask this favour but am necessiated.

if you think of taking my Short Cables you must Send to examine them Soon or I shall dispose of them otherways Let me know imediately. I am Dear Sir Your Very Obed't Serv't

THOS. MUMFORD.

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NEW HAVEN Octo'r 13, 1778.

Dear Son

I wrote your M'a and Brother Jed the 9th but have not had the pleasure of hearing from my Family Since I Left Norwich.

I see repeated accounts of Prisoners that lately Left N: York there is a great prospect that the Enemy will soon leave N York at least a great Number of them but at present Cannot be investigated their destination Some think that they are bound to the West Indies and others that they designe Some Important Bloe on the Eastern States I think it will Soon open what part they mean to take. as to other news have nothing more to give than what you'll See in the Public Prints if anything Special Turnes up with you if Opp'ty advise me with regards to your Dear Partner Remain your Affectionate Parent

JZ. HUNTINGTON.

[Superscribed] Maj'r JOSHUA HUNTINGTON, Norwich, per Mr. Crary.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

STAMFORD Octo'r 14th 1778

Dear Sir,

your favors of the 2nd and 3rd Inst't I rec'd yesterday by Mr. Marshall as also the Salt Sugar and Cards, and this day I rec'd yours of the 9th Inst't by Capt. King with 3,000 dollars in bills.

I shall use my utmost Endeavors to procure you the flour Corn and Pork immediately, and hope I shall be successful, if Gov'r Clinton gives a permit agreable to my expectations. I can with much greater ease obtain the Pork,

by giving Salt in part pay for it. It will therefore best serve your purpose immediately to send on a sufficient quantity of Salt to put up the meat and also to purchase some part of it at least. It will require fifty bushels of Salt to put up the hundred barrels of meat that you propose to have. Thirty three bushels of Salt I have already rec'd. If you could send enough to make it up an hundred it would be best. You will oblige me by informing me soon whether I can have Salt more than sufficient to salt the Meat. I am your friend and humble Servant

JNO. DAVENPORT.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board Eastern Department
Boston 14th Oct'r 1778

Sir

We have yours of the 9th Instant owning the Receipt of Thirty thousand dollars by Mr. Willoughby You Inform us that Capt. Seth Harding is appointed to the Command of the Ship you are building, that she is Called the Confederacy,* and you are ordered to Equip her with all possible dispatch; You may rely upon our Attention in forwarding the business all in our power.

As to Arms we are Expecting a quantity from France which we hope will be in time for your Ship. You mention in yours of the 22d Septem'r of buying two twelve pound Cannon and two more in your last. have you a prospect of getting any more that we may provide the remainder in time. do the Six pounders belonging to the Columbus answer for your Ship. The Teemsters have not yet called upon us for the Small Canvis We shall be able to send you some more money very soon. if any safe hand presents to take it up let us know it. We are Your most humble Servants

WM. VERNON
on behalf of the Board.

*"Confederacy," Continental frigate. She was captured by the British in 1781. *Naval History of the American Revolution*, Allen, II. 556.

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Dear Brother

I have letely Rec'd two Letters from you on Business and for my life I cannot remember whither I have answered any one of them, I have been drove about so from pillar to post lately.

First then the Onions are and have for a long time been ready and should have sent them to you but for want of a good Opportunity. Bro'r Jeddy Informs me your Vessel left Norwich about 6 days since to come this way so that I am Easy in my mind on that score unless the Embargo on Onions (curse it) should prevent, which I hope it will not. Indian Corn is like to be very scarce with me this year. my crops fell short very much. But I would send you a Quantity in the Ears if I knew it would be agreable to you, but it is impossible to thresh it now both on Acc't of our hurry in the business of ingathering and also, its not being sufficiently dry. If you wish to have it in the Ear pray notify me as soon as possible.

I shall also send by your Vessel a number of Onions for Bro'r Andrew in the family way and some other of our friends with you.

The Drums you wrote me of are Ready for you at Middleton Col. Sage sends me word. I sent down after the 3 Corn Basketts which I have Rec'd and at the same time wrote Sage to procure them. Fifes I imagin 'tis impossible to get here as I cannot hear of any one who makes them, or of any to be sold.

Molasses will be very agreable to us if you have it to spare. I trust we can pay it in Corn if not we will make it agreable to you somehow or other.

We shall also send you a number of Cabbages in your Vessel.

With Love to yourself and sister and proper salutations to all freinds (Mrs. Chester Joining) I Remain D'r Brother Yours Affectionately

J. CHESTER.

WETHERSFIELD Saturday Morn 16 Oct'r 1778.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London Octo'r 21st 1778.

Dear Sir

I acknowledge the Rec't of yours of equil date, and approve of your going Westward after flowr and Pork. Beef I imagine may be put up Cheeper and Better this way. the Gortons have ab't 50 or 60 head of Good Cattle which they would be Glad to Sell to me or you, to be Delivered one Month hence at the then Market Price at Boston. these Cattle are in Naraganset. I wish you would let me Know the Currant price for Good Ox Beef. I approve your sending teams to Boston for Salt and Rum. I have requested the N. B. to Commission you to purchase the Iron harth at Providence. would have you Engage flour for the Ship Trumbull as I am in hopes of Geting that Ship out. Last Evening Rec'd Letter from N. B'd in which it is said that the Marine Committee request that the greatest Exertions be made to get out the Confederacy and that the Cannon will be ready at Providence in three weeks and that the small arms and pistols are in the Ship Providence at Portsmouth the Shott must be Collected hear. Salt provisions must be put up with all posable dispatch, that no New Officers can be made at any Rate. Nath'l Richards is purser who will make Indent to you for Slops. if any thing respecting your Department occors to me I shall Immediatly Communicate the same to you Immediatly in mean time I remain your assured friend

JOHN DESHON.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London Oct'r 23d 1778.

Sir

I Rec'd your favour per Springer this morning. beef will Certainly be Dearer a month hence. I shall therefore buy Gortons Cattle if to be got for £9. per Ct. I Rec'd a Letter from John Cotton yesterday in which he requests ab't Two Tons of Iron Suitable for Bilge Streaks and

Butts. other Iron he has, but is in great want of the ab'e Mentioned if you can Suply him I shall be glad, as we want that Ship Got ready for Launching as soon as posable Your answer by 1st opp'ty Your assurd friend and Humble Ser't

JOHN DESHON.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

N. London Oct'r 30th 1778.

Dear Sir

Your favour I rec'd last Evening, in answer to which I am Glad you have Engaged the flowr and provisions wish you Could Engage 200 bbls more pork. if you can Send me hhd. of Salt I can put up 20 or 30 bbls Beef which I have now Engaged. I have wrote again to N Board Concerning the Iron harth, and urged the Necessity of Suplying you with Every Necessary for fitting out the Ship. you must send a Man on purpose to Providence and apply to Colo. Tillinghast for the Coppers and with them bring along the Iron harth, and when it is in N'Wich, Impartial men may Judge and determine how much shall be paid Mr. Howland in Exchange for the Trumbulls Harth. there is the utmost Necessaty for sending a man on purpose after those Cooking utensials as you observe they will be much wanted as soon as the Ship is Launched. as to the Launching Entertainment I know not what has been done by Others, but thing if there was a Cold Colation for Gentlemin and Ladys that are Spectators, and something Generous and Comfortable for the Carpenters, as is Costomary among Merchants on such Ocations, it appear to me Very Reasonable and requsite. I shall be Exceeding Glad of 10 bbls flowr for the Trumbull, as I am determined unless Hindered by the N. B. to make another Tryal on that Ship. Your assured friend

JOHN DESHON.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board Eastern Department
Boston Novem'r 6, 1778.

Sir

We have received yours of the 29th Oct'r and 2d Instant the Six 6 pounders you mention with two at New London that came out of the Columbus make the Compliment of those Guns for your Ship The twelve pounders are Casting at Mr. Browns Furnace as fast as possible a number are already cast and five are proved which are marked on the muzzle with a Cole Chizzel No. 1 to 5 which may be sent for immediately with regard to the Iron hearth and Coppers the hearth may be obtained by Exchange with Mr. Howland as Capt. Deshon has proposed and as we have wrote to him to do; The Coppers have been sent here from Providence by Mistake and shall be sent as soon as oppertunity presents with regard to Bunting or Tammy for Colours we think they may be purchased in Connecticutt if not we will send them from here you will please to let us know by your Recommendation We Appoint Mr. Bill Second Lieutenant of Marines and wish it was in our power to send you a Sum of money by him but the French Squadron have so Exhausted us that it is now utterly out of our power We have wrote very Earnestly to the Marine Committee for a New Supply and hope soon to have it in our power to send you some part of it. We are Your most humble Servants,

WM. VERNON
J. WARREN.

EBENEZER DEVOTION TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Windh[am] 12 Nov'r 1778.

Dear Sir,

I have to request you to send me per Mr. Hovey a quantity Cash; I must likewise desire that you would not be unmindful of the Rock Salt, without which, it will be impossible for me to make good my Engagements, and in-

deed it will be out of my Power to do so well by the people, as the Commissaries, and of Consequence must be defeated of the Provisions I have taken the Pains to engage, not to say that I have already used several Bush'ls of my own Salt of that kind which I had reserved for my own particular domestic Use. As to the Prices of Pork, as adjusted by the Commissary Gen'l, No Person will sell at them, and I am obliged to give them the Run of the price till Christmas. Mr. Abbe does the same as I am informed. Had I not been Limited to a price, I doubt not, I could have saved the Continent some Hundreds of pounds, as I could have bought at a lower price than Coll: McLellan now gives, which I was yesterday informed was 2/4, and I make no Doubt it will be higher before long. you will act your Discretion with Respect to an Alteration. if you think best to make any please to send me a line per Bearer. I remain D'r Sir Your very Hum'e Ser't

E. DEVOTION.

P. S. What price do you give for Barrels?

N. B. The above was [written i]n the Dark.

JOHN MANLEY* TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

PROVIDENCE Nov'r 25, 1778

Dear Sir,

Your favour of the 20th Instant was duly Rec'd wherein you Desire 1600 Stocks for Grape shott for 12 lb. and 400 for 6 lb. now you do not mention whether of wood or Iron, if of wood I should Immagine you must have Turners your way which will be procured at a Less Expence than they will this way; and if to be made of Iron I Emmagine the blacksmith will work Cheaper with you. I have been to several of our Turners to know what they will Engage to make them for and how soon, but they are none of them at home, and the Team will not wait until they return. I should be glad you would be pleas'd to write Immediately if to be made of Wood, and I will endeavour to get them

*Manley, John, Deputy Commissary Agent.

made as soon as possible and forward them as they have none made by them. The Stores Remaining on hand here is a Quantity of New Blocks of Various sizes, ab't 3 C. wt. of old Junk, a Copper boiler, and one new Hawser ab't 7 inches, Length 45 fathom, some 3 and 4 lb. round shott ab't 1/2 a Ton, these being the Chief of the stores here.

The Iron Cobboose I forwarded yesterday by Perigo Downing, and the Copper Boylers by the Bearer this day I also sent you per one Carver 13 C. 1 q. 19 lb. Lignum Vitae which I hope came safe to hand the price @ £40 per Ton. In behalf of Coll. Tillinghast I am Sir your very hble Servant

JOHN MANLEY.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board East'n Department
Boston 28th Novem'r 1778.

Sir

We have yours of the 19th by Mr. Mumford, Advising your draft in favor of Thos. Mumford Esq'r, for Eleven hundred and thirty pounds which we shall duly honor.

Its almost impossible to procure Teems in Boston, to carry the Arms, powder Ozenbrigs, etc to Norwich; Except by meer Chance. therefore think it best, that you either send them from Norwich; or Engage those, that bring flour to Boston, from the Commissary (if any such) to call upon us.

We wrote you heretofore to Send Teams to Scituate, for fourteen Cannon proved, and ready, at Messrs. Browns Furnace.

We are extreemly Sorry, and greatly disappointed, in your not Succeeding in the purchase of the light Cannon on board the Galley; Captured by Maj'r Talbot; they would have Compleated the Set for the Confederacy. We shall Apply for them to Maj'r General Gates, and inform you of the result of our Application. If we fail, and the Trumbull does not get out of the river this fall, our only Alternative,

must be, to make use of her Cannon, untill we can replace them. We Inclose you, Doct'r Dorseys receipt, for Eighty Dollars Supply'd him with, which we have Charged to the Ship. Also you have Giles Halls receipt, for 1 tun and half of Grape Shot, shipt on board his Scooner, for the Confederacy, which we wish safe to hand. We are with regards Your Most humble Servants,

WM. VERNON
for the Board.

[Enclosures.]

Boston Nov'r 25, 1778.

Rec'd of Navy Board East'n Department the sum of Twenty four pounds on acco't of my wages on board Ship Confederacy having Signed two receipts of Equal tenor and date

per Nathan Dorsey.

Received of the Navy Board, on board the Schooner Experiment Giles Hall Master, One Ton and one half of Grape Shot, which I promise to deliver to John Deshon Esq'r or Order, at New London he Paying Freight for the same at Sixteen Pounds L M per Ton, danger of the Seas and Enemy Excepted. having signed Two receipts for the same of equal Tenor and date. Boston 19th Nov'r 1778.

Giles Hall.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Stamford Decem'r 13th 1778.

Dear Sir,

Direct opportunities from Stamford to Norwich are so rare, that I have procured Mr. Welles who goes as far Hartford to come to you with this Letter. I have engaged Eighty barrels of Pork at least and most of it is put up. I have procured beef enough to put up at least Forty or forty five barrels. The Salt falls short considerably from what it was put up for. One Hhd. was not more than Two thirds

full. I shall hardly have Salt enough to put up the 50. bbs. of beef and the 100 bbs. of Pork. The beef was bought upon the legs and will not all turn out at so low a price as you directed it to be bought. Beef took an unexpected rise soon after you gave me your directions, but I thought best to purchase. I cannot procure more near so low as what I have already bought.

I have engaged of a man whom I believe will not deceive me 150 bbs. of flour some part I have already received and more I expect to receive this week. Men of whom I have engaged flour and beef have deceived me even where money was given to secure the Articles before hand The sudden rise of commodities causes great failures in the performance of contracts The 150. bbs. of flour I have engaged I am to pay 25 dollars per hundred for, and I suppose I can have 150 bbs. more of the same man for the same price, if it suits you. I imagine it cannot be procured for less.

The little Sloop I sent to you with corn was taken last week as she was going to Newhaven with a load of provisions. The Navigation of the Sound is now so hazardous that it will be difficult to procure a Vessel to bring provisions to you. I wish for your further directions about sending what provisions I have already obtained immediately. I hope we shall have some force in this part of the sound soon which will make the Navigation less hazardous. The owners of the Sloop Wm. & Henry would not take less freight than I mentioned you for the Corn and flour they said that was considerably less than others had.

I judge from your last letter that you mean to have me procure for you 300 bbs. of flour more than I have sent you. I have paid out what money I have rec'd of you, and should be glad you would send by the bearer if you can spare it money sufficient to pay for what flour beef and Pork you expect me to get for you As much as the money is despised I find people are fond of ready pay. I am Your friend and humble Ser't

JNO. DAVENPORT.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board Eastern department
Boston Decem'r 16, 1778

Sir

We have this Moment a Letter from General Sullivan by which we have the pleasure of finding that he consents we should have the 12 pound Cannon taken in the Galley which Compleats the Cannon for the Confederacy you will please therefore to send for them as soon as possible We will write to the General to deliver them to your Order General Gates has directed the Commissary of Ordinance Stores at Springfield Colo. Cheever to deliver us fifteen tuns of powder Six of which we have ordered here Inclosed is an order for Six tuns which you will please to send for as soon as you have Occasion for it We shall Attend immediately to your Indent for Slops and to send forward the Arms and are Your Most humble Servants

WM. VERNON
J. WARREN.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwalk Decem'r 19th 1778

Sir,

I send by Mr. Wm. Elliot, 53.^{c} 1.^{qr} 2^{lb} N't of flour contained in twenty Eight barrels which I hope will arrive safe. I sent a man on to You last week with a letter informing you of the quantity of Pork beef etc. that I had procured and also requesting a sum of money. The flour I now send you is part of 150 bbs. that I have engaged of a man, that will not fail me I believe I hope to engage 150 barrels more soon and I have engaged the man who carries this flour if he returns soon that I will give him a full freight from here to You I have ordered this flour to the care of Mr. Hallam at New London. The man would not be pesuaded to go to Norwich. I am Your friend and humble Serv't

JNO. DAVENPORT.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

STAMFORD Decem'r 19th 1778.

Sir

In Addition to the twenty Eight barrels of flour I send you by Mr. Elliot twenty two barrels of beef and two barrels of tallow consigned to the care of Mr. Edward Hallam Mr. Elliot would not go to Norwich

Write me word whether you would have me send the rest of the provision on by water. Many persons here clamour against provisions being carried by water on acco't of the hazard of passing the Sound. I wish the State Ships at New London might be ordered to cruise the sound this winter. The public would reap great benefit by it.

You would find you acc't in sending money sufficient to pay for what you want me to purchase 300 bbs. of flour will not cost less when delivered at the water side than £4500. Carting included this is only a rough guess. The flour is £7. 10 per hundred bbs. two doll. each and carting now 9/ per Mile. this is besides the beef and Pork the greater part of which I have already procured, according to your desire. The beef cost more than you expected some of it. It was bought as well as it could be on the legs, and I supposed you must have it. I am Your friend and humble Serv't

JNO. DAVENPORT.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

FAIRFIELD Jan'ry 2d 1778 [1779]

Sir,

I rec'd yours by Mr. Welles and was sorry he was so unfortunate as to miss of money by Colo. Chester. I hope you will send me some as soon as possible I have some time since paid out every farthing I had of yours and my own. It would be very convenient if you could spare it for you to send money sufficient to compleat what you wish me to purchase fifty bbs. of beef will cost £1,000 hides and Tallow included, one hundred bbs. of Pork £2,800, and

Three hundred bbs. of flour will cost at £7.10 per hundred allowing £1.3.0 to a bbl. £3937.10 exclusive of barrels and carting. more than 150 bbs. I have engaged and have paid some of the money and should be glad I had the money to pay the whole. I had Eight Teams Stop'd last week that were loaded with flour coming from the State of New York altho' they had the Gov'rs permit with them. there is a Captious Commissary there one *Leek** that complains ag't almost all that bring flour from that State I believe with a view to give trouble to the Teamsters for they have to pay the Cost if released. I have sent to Gov'r Clinton on the Subject. I ship'd a fortnight since on board one Wm. Elliot 28 bbs. of flour 22 bbs. beef and 2 bbs. Tallow to be deliv'd Mr. Hallam at N London I believe he has not yet gone. I hear he lies froze up at Norwalk. I should be glad to know to whom I shall consign the flour and provisions I send to N. London. I am Your friend and humble Servant

JNO. DAVENPORT.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

STAMFORD Jan'y 8th 1778 [1779]

Dear Sir

Eight loads of flour that were coming from the State of New York by a permit from Gov'r Clinton were a few days since seized by the information of a Captious Commissary one Leek who is one of Mr. Colts deputies Altho he beleived it was coming for the Use of the continent he would inform and the justice by their law is obliged to seize. The trial of the matter is to be on Monday next when I shall attend. This peice of Malice will cost the continent at least £150. The great trouble and vexation of procuring flour from the State of New York will make me rejoice when I have supplied you with what you want. Money I want extremely

* Leek, Philip, of Bedford, N. Y. Samuel H. Parsons wrote from Greenwich to Governor Clinton, January 2, 1779: "to my Surprise I find the Bedford Junto Still refuse to Suffer Flower to come to this Post." *Public Papers of George Clinton*, IV. 459.

to go on with purchases for you If you could send 600 dollars to my father at Hartford which I borrowed of the Constable of this Town for your services and promised to repay there you would much Oblige me, and as much more as you can send to me conveniently if enough to compleat your purchases would be very serviceable from your friend and humble serv't

JNO. DAVENPORT.

N. B. I hope the flour I sent by Capt. Elliot and also the beef have arrived before this. J. D.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

[Fairfie]ld Jan'ry 13th 1779

Sir

The flour I mentioned you in my last as being seized in the State of New York was on Trial by a Jury released.

The seizure was owing to the maliciousness of a Commissary under Mr. Colt named Leek. He has in so many instances caused flour to be seized that was coming from that State for the Use of the public with fair permits and given the purchasers so much trouble and cost that I imagine it would be for the public advantage to have him broke.

Money is the burden of my song you will observe in my Letters I am called upon for it daily. Yours etc.

JNO. DAVENPORT.

N. B. I mentioned to you in a former letter that Mr. Welles was so unfortunate as to get no money of Colo. Chester.

ANDREW PERKINS* TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Jan'y 21 1779.

Dear Sir

Capt. Harding has Come up from New London last Evening; he wants very Much to See you. If it is agreeable to you to Come to the Landing it will much oblige Him; he is unwell or would not Give you This Trouble; Money is all

* A merchant of Norwich.

the Cry of the Day From Dear Sir your most Humble Serv't

ANDREW PERKINS.

P. S. Mr. Fanning told me he would let you have Some Paper. we are allmost out. A. P.

GURDON BILL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

N: London Jan'y 21st 1779.

Sir

agreable to your Desire I send you Mr. Jeffry's Parposal for Baking the bread. you are to give him 112 li. flour and forty Shilling in money, for which he will Deli'r you 104 li. Bread. these are his lowest terms. in hast Your Hum'e Serv't

GURDON BILL.

P. S. You'll pleas to lett me know whether to Deli'r him any flour or not. G. B.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board Eastern Department
Boston Jan'y 26th 1779.

Sir

Yours of 21st is now before us, in answer to which the Order in fav'r of Mr. Eliphelet Huntington, Shall be Hon'd, and we most Sincerely wish it was in our powr to answer your further Demands, but be assured it is not. we have been Expecting a Suply of Cash from Philidelphia for Six weeks past but none has arived. we can well Judge of your Perplexity by our own. we have Borrow'd for the Necessary Suply of our office till we can Borrow no more that we Know off. the flowr and provissions you mention we Shall be Sorry to have Disposed off. In short we can only Say that as soon as we are in Cash we Shall not be unmindfull of you we therefore recommend patience and perserveerance and in the End hope all things will End well we are with much Esteem Sir your Most Humble Servant

WM. VERNON
JNO. DESHON.

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WETHERSFIELD Jan'y 28, 1779

Dear Bro'r

According to your desire I waited on Capt. Hopkins last monday. He readily compleid with my request and agreed to weigh me off 280 lb and put it in Barrells. But the next day, he found he could not handily get me the Barrells, and desired me to take home the smallest Hhh'd bodily, which I have done, and Weighed off 280 lb. 7 oz in good whole loaves the remainder I put up in a flour Cask which consisted of Broken loaves altogether, some half loaves and some a little more and some a little less, and about 12 lb. of that which was pulverized. 1 lb 8 oz was so dirty as to be unfit for use; the whole was 388 lb. 13 oz.

Doctor Elderkin has not yet produced his order for the sugar. I have ventured to keep the overplus of the 280 lb. being about 108 lb. by me, till you should write me, whither you would have it sent back. Mr. Mitchell wants 2 or 3 loaves, as you encouraged him to expect, and I dont know whither you would be willing to lessen the 280 for him. Bro'r Eben'r also expects some of you and I should be glad of a loaf or two, and so I keep it all by me till further orders. (I mean this one Hhh'd)

Pierpont Edwards sent a man from N Haven on purpose for the sugar, but Hopkins would not deliver it to him.

I wo'nt pretend to tell you the News of Assembly, as father Huntington, will probably be with you in a few days and can do it more particularly than I have time to do at present.

Well how did you get home? I want much to know. I was truly sorry to have you go. But as the Weather has turn'd up since, and as the Ladies were so very anxious I dont know but it was best of all. But I am sure I am glad Betsey did not go with you. Mary seems pretty contented and joins the rest of the sisterhood and myself in Love to yourself and Sister and Little black eyed Bess and Compliments etc. to all enquirers. Excuse Errors, as I'm in

greate haste, can only add I am most sincerely Your Affectionate Brother

JOHN CHESTER.

P. S. Bro'r Eben'r Sets off Westward next tomorrow.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

STAMFORD Jan'y 28th 1779.

Sir,

I send by Capt. Simeon Coffin Thirty four barrels of Pork and twelve barrels of beef also fourteen bbs. flour containing as per inclosed invoices 25 C. 2 qrs. 18 lb. N't four of the bbs. marked IH are of the best quality. One bb. of the beef marked IH is agreable to your desire good The bbl. has a bung in it. Some of the bbs. are not made of White Oak stuff as I could wish, black Oak is apt to prove leaky. they were the best I could obtain at the time. The beef and Pork has been all well brined and I hope will arrive safe and in good Order. I meet with very great embarrasments in procuring flour from the State of New York Gen'l McDougal* as I am informed has placed guards at all the Mills in New York State so that no flour now comes without his permission. I purchase no Wheat in this State and the Commissaries have threatened to seize the little I have obtained from York they have seized all the flour and grain they can lay their hands on legally. I hope to receive some money soon As a great scarcity of that Article appears in this part of the Country. Your friend and humble Serv't

JNO. DAVENPORT.

I also send four rawhides Three Kegs of hogs lard, and a Cake of Tallow. I have more hides to send but they are not here two of the hides I had sold before I rec'd any directions from you and also a few pounds of Tallow.

J. D.

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* McDougall, Alexander, Major General. Flour was going from New York to the British via Stamford, New London, etc. See *Public Papers of George Clinton*, IV. 510-512.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston Jan'y 29th 1779.

Dear Sir

I am inclined to drop you a few lines not as Coming from the Board, but as a private friend to a person whome I can confide in. a few days agoe, we wrote you by Mr. Wm. Hubbard informing of the State of our Board since which we have your fav'r by Mr. Trott in which you Very Justly Complain for want of that Suply which you have a just Right to Expect from Navy Board. give me Leave to assure you that if we had it in our power to pervent it you should have no reason to Complain. our Cituation is truly Despicable we are a Board without one Single Dollar to Suport and defray the numerous Charges that unavoidably attends it. last Evening we rec'd Letter from the Marine Committe, by the Contents of which I see no great prospect of a Speedy Suply of money. your Draft in fav'r of Mr. Hunt'n I have paid my self, having Boryed the Money of Mr. Charles Miller.

you Mention Selling the Provisions you have Engaged, in order to pay the Demands against you for the use of the publick. My friend that plan will not doe, altho you may be Justifyable in a Great Measure in doing it, yet when we Consider the Consequence that will follow, we must reject the Idea. his Exelency Governor Trumbull with his Honb'e Council, has a Grand Plan in Contemplation which if Carryed into Execution, *and there appears to Me to be a great probibility off doing it*, will be a Very fattal Blow to our Enemies.

I Consider the Ship Confederacy and Capt'n Harden, who are to have a great Shair in the Intended Interprise, to be Children of which you as well as the Governor and Council have a right to Clame as parants who begat them, and I most sincerely wish for Honor of these parants that Success will attend them to the no small Mortification of there Enemies. Capt'n Harden is ordered by the N. B. to repair imediatly to his Exe'ly Governor Trumbull and re-

ceive his orders. the Queen of France* is ordered to Sail Next Monday for N. L. in order to join the Confederacy and your State Ships, the whole fleet to be under the Direction of Goven'r and Council of your State, and I am perswaided you will notwithstanding all your Difficultyes and Disapointments use your utmost Endeavors to forward an Enterprize which if it succeeds will redound the Greatest Honor to the Author of it. this Expedition is a profound Secret and Capt'n Harden is ordered [not] to Divulge it to any Mortal. I once more Recomend patiance and persevierance, we have sent forward to Congress an Abstract of the bills unpaid now in our office which amounts to upwards of 300,000 Dollars. Six Men of war in port and not money to pay one Seaman his Bounty. When they see our Letter it will Certainly Rouse them, if there is any life or Spirit left in them. if it does not I will come and see you for I have no Business hear without money. I am with much Esteem Your Sincere friend and Humble Servant

JOHN DESHON.

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Dear Bro'r

I have been with Mr. Fritch and find that he has a good cloath of the Colour you mention'd, it cost 18/6 Sterling in England and there has arisen some extraordinary charges on his goods so that his retailing price is 33/6 for that piece. this is so much higher than we have lately given for best cloaths that I did not think proper to cut it off till I had advised you of the price and if you order me I will send for it per ferst opportunity. pray do me word as soon as possible. there is no Silk at his store of the color or quality you mention'd. I have 20 Y'ds of fine pink silk, all of which I shall not want. He had no large salvers I procured you 1 per 12 Inch diameter. I shall have a quantity of plate to dispose of if you want. Fritch has run me

*A Continental frigate. See *Naval History of the American Revolution*, Allen, II. 368.

so much in Debt I cannot pay for it and far exceeded every Idea I had of the matter. Please to present my love to Bro'r Gen'l and tell him I have a piece Bl'k Morine and 1 ps. Black Gauze for him. Mr. Fritchs paper had not arrived from the Ship in York when I left him. so soon as possible I will send on the whole to the Gen'l.

In greate haste I remain (with Love and Comp'ts to all with you Mrs. Chester joining me) D'r Bro'r, Yours Sincerely

JOHN CHESTER.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

STAMFORD Feb'ry 3rd 1779

Dear Sir

I ship'd on board Capt. Simeon Coffin last week a quantity of beef Pork and flour to the amount of Sixty bbs. in the whole besides some Hogs lard Tallow and hides. He saild last Sabbath and I hope has arrived at New London before this. Gen'l McDougal has so fenced the way against flour coming from the State of New York* that it is almost impossible to procure any to be brought out, guards are fixed by him at most of their Mills. He says after he is supplied with sufficient for the Army that lies at Peekskill and that quarter he will suffer flour to be transported by Gov'r Clintons permission I suppose were I to represent the case to him respecting your purchase he would grant permission even now. Money would be an agreable Article to send this way. I have rec'd None since I sent Mr. Welles to you. We have had reports here within a few days that the Enemy were preparing to move into some part of the country. A few Nights since they moved out as far as Tarry Town surprised and took a Piquet of Ours, took a few poor Cattle and returned. I rather think this was the great movement we have heard so much of. Your friend and humble serv't

JNO. DAVENPORT.

*See *Public Papers of George Clinton*, IV. 544.

GURDON BILL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London Feb'y 4, 1779.

Inclosed I send you Mr. Baley's bill. you will be kind enough to let me know whether to have him do any more work for the Ship. Although this bill is verry high perhaps you may think best to let him do part of the Small work. one of the Carpenters are near all the time going back and forth from Mr. Latemore's. we want some Linseed oyl, Lampblack, and Tarr brushes to black the sparrs if you can send them down Should be glad.

Mr. Bellding has got 13 Iron bound puncheons Suitable for our water cask. he will Sell them for 20 Doll's p's. Your Immediate answer whither you want them or not will Oblidge Your Hum'e Serv't

GURDON BILL.

EZEKIEL CHEEVER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Springfield Feb. 6th 1779

Dear Sir

Y'rs the 30th ulto. I rec'd. before it Came to Hand I had sent mr. Conductor Tompson to Brookfield with orders to procede with the powder lodged thair, to Norwich with all convenient Speed, and expect ere these come to hand He will be with you. Mr. Loomis the Bearer of this will deliver you 31 bb'ls powder which with the 89 Mr. Tompson brings Compleats your demand please to give up my note then all Stands right. I am most respectfully Your hum. Ser't

EZEK'L CHEEVER D C G M S

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston Febu'y 9th 1779

Dear Sir

We rec'd your favours by Maj'r Backuss Am sorry to tell you that the Marine Comittee still neglect us—no appearance of any Cash yet. we have sent you on 8 hhds. N.

E. Rum. the price of West India Goods is falling Windward Island Rum sold yesterday at 12 Dollars in this Town. it is Needless for me to be particular in writing Mr. Gross can inform you as much as I can write. I am with much Esteem your friend and Humble Serv't

JOHN DESHON.

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WETHERSFIELD 8th Feb'y 1779

Dear Brother

Last Saturday I rode to Hartford to see a Board merchant, and by conversing with him, and others, I find it will be difficult purchasing them just now. There are but very few in this part of the Countrey. But as the spring opens, People will saw them, and they will probably come down the river pretty plenty. The man I saw has a few of the finest season'd stuff he says. But he did not fix a price, tho by his round about talk I know he means to have a very high price. People will not engage Planks or boards to be delivered 4 or 6 Weeks hence at any Price. If stuff that is *not* season'd will answer your purpose I wish to know it, as the price will be much less. I think I could barter any West India Produce for boards, and both at the Regulating Price. Before the river opens you can write me, and if you pay for them in Money, I wish you would mention a price you would not have me exceed, and if I can procure them lower I will. It frightens me to think of paying 20 or £25 per 1000 and yet this is not so high by any means as other articles, nor am I at all certain I could procure them for £30.

I have lost your letter rec'd last fall about Procuring Drums and fifes and so cannot recollect the Number you wrote for. I have wrote Col. Sage to hurry Mr. Rogers about the Drums. I had the good Luck to procure you three very good fifes made at Windsor they cost me in the first Instance but 3 Dollars each, and I paid young Jones 3 dollars more for going to Windsor after them and picking

them out. I think they are very Cheap, as they were worth 7/ hard Cash in 1775.

Please to make my love to all friends with you. I wish you to inform Bro'r Gen'l that Capt. Edw'd Bulkeley goes into N. York to Morrow Morning and carries his letters that he committed to my care.

From your troublesome Long Winded Bro'r

JOHN CHESTER.

Feb'ry 13th. I yesterday rode to Middleton having Rec'd no Answer from Col Sage about the Drums. Rogers engag'd to let me have Two Drums for 40 Dollars Each, if I send for them within 3 Weeks. I dare not promise him so much money till I had your approbation. Tho he had 40/ in old times and this is but six for one. I can procure the planks in exchange for West India produce at the Regulating price or for about ¼ box of 6 by 8 Glass in part. In money I am told Planks go at £55 and Boards at £30.0.0. please to write me how I shall proceed as I have 10 days to answer the man in. I hardly know whither you rightly understood the situation of the sugar when you last wrote me on the subject. I still have the 108 lb. by me, and will keep it if you say so, tho I have perkins's Rec't for all save the 280 lb. from yours Affectionately

JNO. CHESTER.

PETER COLT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

HARTFORD 15 Feb'y, 1779

Sir

I have your favor of the 12. Relying the Flour is *solely* for public use, am contented to send it you; however dont think it best to draw it from Windham at present. There is now on the road betwixt this and Norwich 114 bar's Flour designed to feed the Troops at N. London. this would probably last them much longer than the time that will elapse before we shall send on some directly to N. London by water.

you will therefore call on Mr. Faning for 30 or 40 bar's; before that is baked up, think he will have a further supply

from hence, out of which he can make up the residue of the Sixty bar's in case you do not get yours forward in the mean time. I have wrote him to *lend* you either *Soap*, *Candles*, or *Tallow*, for the Ships use. If Colo. Wadsworth, whom I daily expect, consents, you can pay the Mony other way you must replace them. I am Sir your obd. hum'e Ser't

PETER COLT.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston Febu'y 16th 1779.

Dear Sir

As there appears such a disposition in the Officers of the Navy to Collect as large a quantity of Stores of all kinds as posable for the Ships they belong to, particularly one of the Liev'ts of the Confederacy, who is much Engaged that way, without duly Considering the interest of the Publick, I think it would be unfriendly in me if I Neglected to give you all the Information in my Power respecting the Navy, for which reason I here inclose the resolve of Congress respecting the Allowance of Officers in the Navy, which would have you strictly adhere to, as I percive a disposition in my Collegues to settle with the Officers on no other terms then what is specifyed in the resolves, you will therefore be Causious how you Settle there board at private houses while the Ship was in Ordinary. Mr. Gross has made an Indent here for Cabin furniture which has been complyed with Should you furnish any more without the Knolledg of this board I rather think they will disaprove of it. I hartily wish you may Succeed in your applycation for money at the Marine board at Philidelphia, if you don't it will be out of our power to help you, unless we receive a Supply from that Quarter our selves, which I do not much Expect, for I amagine that Honb'e Board have but an Indifferant Idea of the Expence that attends the supporting of a Navy, the Ship Queen of france waits for the Rainger to join her from Portsmouth, when I shall urge strongly that the Warren with those Two Ships sail

Imediatly for N. L. the Warren has upwards of 100 men may be full maned in three days after she arives at N. L. those 3 Ships can be at N. L. before the Confederacy is ready or by that time. the Six following Ships will almost Insure Victory the Confederacy 36 guns the Warren 32 do. the Queen of france 20 ditto the Rainger 20 guns, the Oliver Cromwell and the Defence, this force united, is able to Scour the Coast of Virginia and Chastize our Enemies the Goodridges* which has so long Infested that Coast and done us so much damage.

I write you this Letter in Confidence. I would not chuse the Officers of the Navy should Know I Give you this causion as to the other Parts of this Letter your own prudence will direct you. I am with much Esteem Your friend and Humb'e Serv't

JNO. DESHON.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

BOSTON Febuary 20th 1779.

Dear Sir

Your fav'r of the 13th Instant is answered this day by the Board as far as relates to there Business. I wrote you a few Days agoe giving you some Hints which I thought Necessary, in yours you do not acknolledg the rec't of mine.

you Mention 6 or 8 hhds. of Rum, the Rum is to be Bought for money tho not so Cheap as a fortnight agoe, but our board is not able to buy a Jill unless we borry the money. Since my return to Boston I have Boryed for the use of the board upon my own Credit ab't £10000, and had we not borryed we could not have done any thing towards fitting out the Ships. I will send by the Ship Warren 20 firkins Butter for the Confederacy. I hardly belive the Board will consent I should return to N. L. I am Very anxious about my Family. I wish my wife would Abide at N. W. untill the last of March, when I intend to be there my self. I am your assured friend and Humb'e Serv't

JOHN DESHON.

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*Goodrich, John, and several sons. See *Naval History of the American Revolution*, Allen, II. 398.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board Eastern department
Boston Febry 20th 1779

Sir

Your letter to Mr. Deshon is now before us in answer to which We allow none of the hands belonging to the Ship that are going the Cruize daily pay after the Ship is in the Stream taking in her Water and provisions You will therefore Cease paying by the day any longer We are Exceeding desirous you would have the bread ready for the Ship as soon as possible Colo. Daniel Tillinghast has had our Direction to send on the Cannon for some time past with the utmost dispatch.

Money Advanced for the Officers must be done by Capt. Harding who is to Account with this Board before Sailing for all the money Advanced for the whole of his Ships Crew.

We hope Capt. Bill will Succeed and bring you the Needful or we shall be much disappointed it is out of our power to Supply you from this Board.

The Board have not so much as one Compleat Copy of the Resolves of Congress in the office of Course we cannot supply you.

No doubt you have received before this time Eight hhds. rum from this Board As to Butter we will Endeavor to send you twenty firkins for use of the Ship.

It is our earnest desire you will forward Capt. Hardings Endeavors in getting his Ship to Sea as fast as possible. We are Your humble Servants

J. WARREN
JNO. DESHON.

EPHRAIM BILL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Phildelpha Feb'y 22 1779

Sir

I Arived here the Next Week a Wensday after I Left Norwich and have obtained an order on the Tresurey for the money But must Wait my Turn to Receve it which I

hope will be in one Week more and Shall Proseed home as fast as Posible our Publick affairs are in Great Confusion hear Self Intrust Waying more then Publick I got along as Well as I Could Expect Pleas to let my famely Know I am well. In hast Sir yours

EPH'M BILL.

EPHRAIM BILL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

PHELDELPHA Febr'y 25 1779.

Sir

I Rote to you the 22d per Mr. Richards I Now Inform you by Mr. Molborn that I have Jest waited on the Comittey and They Tell me I Shall Be Dispatched By Monday Next But it is unsorten. I am advised Not to Come without the money for while I am here I am Continualy Croud'g the mater and Shall Continue So to Do untall I make them willing to Git Rid of me Pleas to Inform Mrs. Bill I am will and Shall make all the Dispatch in my Power In hast from your Hum'e Serv't

EPHRAIM BILL.

DANIEL TILLINGHAST TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

PROVIDENCE Feb'y 27th 1779.

Sir

I now Send you four teams with Stores for the Ship Confederacy as per Receipts which they will hand you Could not agree for the Price of Carting no other ways than what Mr. Trott had Given other teams for Carrying Continental Stores as he had Given more than I had Ever agreed for before could not Gett any one to Carry these Stores unless I gave the same Price.

the teams that take the Cannon are to have two Shilings per mile more than the others. I find it Very Difficult to Procure teams at this Season of the year, wish them safe to hand. I am Sir your Most Humble Servant

DAN'L TILLINGHAST.

SAMUEL HOLDEN PARSONS* TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

GROTON 27th Feb'y 79.

Sir

The Season is now so far advanced that a small Delay of Cpt. Harding's Ship may be attended with disagreable Effects. He informs me his Guns are not come, That he has no Duck for his Mainsail, his Carriages not compleated and his Pumps and Chains are yet at Middletown.

The Canvas Thos. Mumford Esq'r will sell or lend You; I therefore beg it may send down today or tomorrow without fail. I shall also thank You to let Me know by the Bearer when the other Matters mentioned will be here: And if any Assistance can be given you from my Command I shall be happy in having it in my Power to forward the Service. Your h'e Ser't

SAM'L H. PARSONS.

P. S. An Order is inclos'd. Mr. Mumford inclines to lend rather than sell but will do either.

[Enclosure]

GROTON 27. Feb'y, 1779

Sir

Please Deliver Major Joshua Huntington or order as much of my Duck in your Store as he Chuses, except the three pieces of Hollands, which I wou'd Chuse to keep as it Cannot be Replaced. however he must have the whole if he wants it. Yrs.

THOS. MUMFORD.

To Mr. JOHN M. BREED, Merchant, Norwich.

SAMUEL HOLDEN PARSONS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

GROTON 28th Feb'y 79

D'r S'r

I rec'd your Favor of Yesterday and am glad to find the Guns etc. of the Confederacy in so much forwardness.

But the Duck is not arriv'd and I fear such Delays will be made as will blast all our Expectations. Cpt. Harding

* Brigadier-General Continental Army, 1776; Major-General, 1780.

inform'd me he should be ready for Sea in Twenty four Hours after the Arrival of the Articles I wrote you for. Since which his Officers inform me they want Rigging Rigging Bolt Rope etc. etc. for the Ship. I have desird Mr. Mumford to supply the Necessaries to fit the Ship immediately. he is kind enough to ingage to furnish what he has and has inclos'd an Order; if Rum, Wine, Cash or Coffee are wanting he will supply and receive his Pay when tis Convenient; if you call on Cpt. Mumford he will furnish what is not on the Order if more is wanting send here for Cash etc. I am anxious that the Ship should be ready immediately; Cpt. Harding's Reputation is concern'd and the public Interest Requires hir to be ready in three Days, much depends on it pray let the Duck, Guns, Stores, etc. be forwarded immediately. The Schooner with the Duck is not arriv'd pray forward the Duck by a Boat as the workmen wait; let me know what to depend on and desire Cpt. Harding to exert himself to be ready without Delay. Y'r h'e Serv't

SAM. H. PARSONS.

P. S. Mr. Mumford says the Sugar he formerly lent the public you may again make use of and if more is wanting he will supply.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

STAMFORD Feb'ry 28th 1779.

Dear Sir,

As soon as I rec'd your Letter of the 12th Inst't I went and engaged a baker to bake the bread you desired, and sent to General McDougal for Liberty to bring the flour I had purchased in the State of New York to this State; but he would give no permission so that the matter must entirely cease, for the present. The General has guards stationed at most of the Mills in New York State, and has been so rigorous in his Government, that he took a man that belonged to this State who had brought flour from New York State, and without judge or Jury, flogged him Thirty Nine

lashes. as I am informed Thirty bbs. of flour that I have purchased and paid for that was at New Whurley* on the other side of Hudsons river, is seized by one Mr. Belknap one of Mr. Colts Commissaries you must desire Mr. Colt to repay it to You at Hartford or discount it with him towards the flour you have already received of him. I believe it would serve you and the public best to procure all your flour thro the hands of Mr. Colt and let him be repaid with what flour I have purchased as far as it will repay him. I have to receive about one hundred bbs. of flour yet of one Man in the State of New York if he abides by his contract besides the Thirty bbs. I mention to you as being seized.

Mr. Colt wrote me a few days since that you were desirous to exchange what meat I had with him, to save risque and transportation. I like the plan well and think it may be easily effected. The money I rec'd of you last I believe I shall be able to pass off, tho it is of the proscribed emissions. I discover two forty dollar Counterfeit bills in one of the bundles of April 11th 1778.

Mr. Tryon the Plunderer paid us a Visit last Fryday at Horseneck within about four miles of this place. he was accompanied by about 15,00 men They in their rout destroyed Ten or a dozen salt Kettles burnt a large Schooner and small sloop, plundered the Inhabitants of their wearing apparel necessaries of every kind, cooking utensils table furniture and all kind of provisions, beat the houses and windows to peices, the whole town was a scene of desolation We captured about fifty and killed five or six only of the Enemy. I have heard of but one man of Ours that was wounded. In this Town we had no intelligence of the Enemy's approach 'till they had been in Horseneck an hour. The militia collect[ed] and went in the afternoon of Fryday last [to] meet them but the Enemy retired with [ ] precipitation leaving two baggage W[ ] behind them. Thus hath the *enemy* to [ ] human existence with 15,00 men penetrated four Miles bey[ond]

* New Hurley?

where we kept our guard plundered a town [ ] entirely Defenceless broke Ten Salt Kettles and retu[rned] with the loss of near Sixty men. I am Your friend and humble servant

JNO. DAVENPORT.

JAMES CHURCH TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Sir

Agreable to your Request of the 22nd of Feb'y I have sent forward the Chain by Capt. Israel Williams who will this Night or tomorrow Morning be at Saybrook and have Ordered him immediately on his Arrival at N. London to deliver the Chain on board the *Confederacy* as to the Price I am willing to submit it to your Blacksmiths acquainted with its Value (the Weight is 155½ lb. Neat Weight) or otherwise leave the Matter untill I shall see you should the wind fail him in going to New London have Ordered him deliver it to your Order, should you send for it. from your Hum'e Serv't

JAMES CHURCH.

March 1st 1779

JOHN MANLEY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

PROVIDENCE March 1, 1779.

Sir,

I have at last Effected forwarding the Stores order'd by the Navy Board for the Ship Confederacy as per Abstract but not without a great deal of Difficulty, as we have been obliged to Apply to head Quarters for press Warrants the Price is extreamly High but your Neighbour Mr. Trott; rais'd the price and after that I was not able to procure for less than what he had offered which I believe Mr. Richards is Sensible of. in behalf of Dan'l Tillinghast I am etc.

JOHN MANLEY.

SAMUEL HOLDEN PARSONS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

N. London 1st March 79

Sir

The inclos'd Memorandum is handed me by the Lt. of the Confederacy as necessary to be immediately furnish'd in Addition to the Guns etc. before sent for. Eight Bolts only of Duck are arriv'd. I beg you will send three More immediately and all the Guner's and other Stores as soon as possible as every Day's Delay tends to defeat all our Purposes. the Articles mention'd in the inclos'd Memorandum you will please to furnish and forward to the Ship. I am Sir Y'r Obed't Serv't

SAM'L H. PARSONS.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board East'n Department
Boston 3d March 1779

Sir

We received yours of the 23d Ulto. inclosing a remonstrance made by the Officers of the Confederacy respecting an Allowance for their board. We have had the Matter under consideration and find no provision was ever made by Congress for any such Expences more than four dollars per week while their Ships are in ordinary in lieu of rations Notwithstanding in this particular case we are Consenting that you pay them a *reasonable Sum* for their Weekly board until the Ship was in a Condition to receive them on board deducting any rations either of Provisions or rum they might have received in the time In their relation they say shall be content with their Subsistance money of 4 dollars per week and their rations which will amount to no more than 16¼ dollars per week Yet if they are paid Something more We shall not find fault.

The Indent for Stores Slops etc. for the Confederacy was Compleated the beginning of last week and sent to

Providence desiring Colo. Tillinghast to send them forward without loss of time We hope they are got to hand before this. We are Your humble Serv'ts

WM. VERNON
J. WARREN
J. DESHON

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston March 4th 1779.

Dear Sir

I acknoledg the rec't of yours of the 23d of Febu'y I sincerely wish Capt'n Harding would listen less to the advice of his Officers, and act more of his own Judgment, fixed upon the Rules and Regulations of the Navy as by Congress Established, for be assured the more he gives into these Humours the more they will incroach upon his prerogative. I have prevaild with the Board to come to a Determination respecting the Officers board as you will see by the Letter that accompanys this, and I advise you if at a loss at any time about the Matters that relates to Officers of the Ship her furniture or Stores to take the advice of the board for your Rule it will perhaps prevent some Dificulty in the Settlement of your acco'ts hereafter.

I can buy you Eight hhds. Rum, but is Dearer than it was three weeks agoe, however I belive it can be bought for 50/ or there abouts. if you desire it I will Immediately purchase them upon having the money or assurance of the same. I have not 100 Dollars of my own, all is advanced for the publick, and a Considerable Sum I have boryed. I phancy Rum will soon be Cheaper, as Melasses is Continualy coming in. I Expect to be at N'W by the 18th of this Month, have no News to write, am Dear Sir Your friend and Humble Servant

JOHN DESHON.

Please make my Complyments to your Good Lady.

ANDREW PERKINS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London Mch. 5 1779.

Dear Sir

I have borrowed all the money I Can of Mr. Mumford and believe it to be Enough to Settle with the Ships Company but Capt. S Harding and the other Officers would be very Glad to have Some Soon If you Can Git more for them and the other People, the Riggers I will be Glad I shall not Git through with Settleing before Monday shall stick by till I have Done wish you to Let my wife Know it and Send me a Shirt and Stockins by you.

the Officers of the Ship are very much Disaffected because you Do not Pay their board they Say you Promised to See it Settled and would have them make themselves easy after that told them you could not Pay it I wish you to Settle it by Some means or other for I fear they will not Sign the agency If you Do not In hast from yours

A. PERKINS.

If Possible Send one more tea Kettle as their is but one on board the Doc'r want it very much.

A. P.

JAMES RICE TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Newhaven March 5th 1779.

Dear Sir

I Informed you Some time Since that I had Advertised for Beans had got about Twenty Bushells, have Since Advertised Without Sucess, tho I Offered A generous price If you Cannot do Without you Must give an Extravegant price. you Will please to Inform Me Whether to give it or Not Some pretend to Ask the price of Wheat for White Beans and Read in proportion. We have Not Any Coasting Vesels hear Bound your Way, you Must Send By Some Body that May be Bound Westward. What Beans I have bought I got for 40^{s}/ Except a few att 48^{s}/. Am Sir Your Humble Serv't

JAMES RICE.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board Eastern Department
Boston March 13th 1779.

Dear Sir

Being in Expectation of Seeing you Soon at NWich, have only to say we have suplyed you with a Very large propotion of the Supply by Captain Bill, this Suply will be Very soon be Exausted, I belive in less than one week. N. E. Rum is now as high as 11 Dollars we do not chuse to purchase at that price for use of the Board as all supose it will be much Cheaper after a while as there is but few buyers and Great Quantityes of Melasses at Markett, and more Dayly Droping in. I hope the Confideracey will Sail in few Days, and that Capt'n Harding will be able to proceed in her. I am Sorry to hear of his Indisposition. Should he not be able to proceed the Cruise we have ordered Capt'n Saltonstall* to take Command, we have no Desire to remove him. our Information is from General Parsons. Excuse Brevity. Your Humble Serv't

JOHN DESHON.

JOHN COTTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Middletown 16th March 1779

Sir,

As there has some Dispute arose bettween my Carpenters etc. With Regard to wages, I Beg the favour of you to send Me the agreement and Rice of Wages from time to time and Likewise the Rations per Week of provisions which you allowed them in your Ship Yard your Complisance will be Esteemed by your Humble Serv't

JOHN COTTON.

N. B. you will please to send up the Bilge ways for Launching the first Opp'ty as I shall want them soon. yrs.

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* Saltonstall, Dudley, Commander of the Continental frigate "Trumbull" and of the Continental frigate "Warren."

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

PROVIDENCE March 17th 1778.

Sir

I here Inclose you Loan Office Certifycates for the Sum of five thousand Dollars, hope to See you at Norwich in a few days. am with Sincere Regards your Humble Serv't

JOHN DESHON.

Dollars 5000.
Per Fav'r of Capt. Asa Watterman.

BENJAMIN BILLINGS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NEW LONDON the 19th March 1779.

Major Hunting:

Sir when you was at N: London Spoke to you about some Pork and flower. you told me you had none down but would send me Some down from Norwich, but have not seene Any yet I Borrow'd Both Pork and flower to keep your People on until now. Must therefore begg the Favour of you to send me some for I know not Whare I can git aney must begg you'll not fail for Cant by aney kind of meet nor I have none to Eat, and all Your Carpenders here yet I have had all Your Men that Charles Jeffery had Ever Since he turnd them a way Your Complyance will Much Oblidge Y'r Hum'e Serv't

BENJ'A BILLINGS.

P. S. I should be glad if you would send me about one Hunderd and fifty dollars by Mr. Miller and take his Receit for the Same B. BILLINGS.

JEREMIAH WADSWORTH TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

HARTFORD March 25 1779

Dear Sir

Your favour I rec'd Capt. faning will deliver you Twenty Barrels flour as soon as the Troops at Providence are out of danger of Starving the Roads are so very bad

it is impossible to Get any flour forward at Present this Magazine was emptied Yesterday None at Sharon and a scarcety every where. I am D'r Sir Your very hum. S't

JERE WADSWORTH.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

LEBANON 28th March, 1779

Sir

I have enclosed Orders to which I hope your health and circumstances will admit your compliance. I am sensible of the fears you may be under from the small pox, have therefore thought it may be well for you to call on Capt. David Mumford to go for your assistance. he may find a place for your entertainment free from that infection, may assist as one of my Council of Safety, relative to the works on Town Hill, and for looking out provisions, ammunition, and other things needful. If this meets your approbation, you will call on him to go with you, and his advice and assistance you may ask accordingly. I am, with Esteem and Regard Sir Your Obedient h'ble Servant,

JON'TH TRUMBULL.

[Superscribed,] Public Service, Jon'th Trumbull. Maj'r General HUNTINGTON, Norwich. Per returning Express.

ORDERS TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

State of Connecticut

By the Governor

To Jabez Huntington Esq'r Major General of the Militia in this State—

You are hereby ordered forthwith to repair to New London, and to see the necessary works formed on Town Hill, to put all things in the best readiness for defence against an attack of the Enemy on the town and harbour, who appear coming with that purpose — to give orders for Militia for the works, from such Brigade, as shall appear most for the benefit of the service — and for the Militia of

the 1st 3d and 5th Brigade, when necessary, on consultation with the officers present — for all, or such numbers as may be judged best—to take care for ammunition and provisions —to consult and give the necessary orders for security of the ships and vessels in the harbour, and for removing the Canon, or any part of them, from Fort Trumbull, if judged not safe to remain there. To give the previous Orders necessary to prevent confusion on the coming in of forces for our defence, and generally to do every thing needful on the present appearances—and give me intelligence from time to time. Intrenching Tools for the works you will procure by purchase or impressing private property if needful.

Given under my Hand in Lebanon the 28th day of March, 1779.

JON'TH TRUMBULL.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London March 28th 1779

Dear Sir

General Parsons has Intilligence that the Enemie may be hourly Expected to this place, Said to be 8000 Strong I Expected to have seen you at NWich this day, but this news prevents my Journey. Capt'n Harding sends for Every Necessary for the Ship, wish they may be forwarded with all dispatch posable, as the Ship ought to have Every thing thats Necessary for her defence. what Encouragment have you for bread. there is but one months Provision of that article on board. is your Mr. Williams returnd and where is the Slops. you must furnish Ship Carpenters to finish the work on the Ship. all Differance between Capt'n Harding and his Officers is subsided. my Sloop will take any articles you have Okation to send Down, if you have no better Opp'ty. we are informed General Clinton is to command in person Expedition agains this place. I am Sir your assured friend

JOHN DESHON.

PETER COLT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

March 28, 1779.

Sir

Inclosed you have an unlimited Order on Mr. Faning for such articles as you may want for the Ship Confederacy.

I have recv'd a Letter from Maj. Davenport concerning the Saltd Meat, his Pork is not put up exact weight, neither has it been repacked he writes he has neither *orders* or *Salt* for that purpose. wish you to give him directions for that purpose, and that the Meat designed to replace what you receive of Mr. Faning may be repacked 220 lb. to each barel. otherways it will make confusion in my accts. If you have no salt, I will lend you some for the purpose of repacking the meat. I am with Esteem Your obd. Servant

PETER COLT.

Don't send Barrels that have had oyl in them*

PETER COLT TO THOMAS FANNING.

Sir,

Please to deliver Maj Joshua Huntington, or his Order, such Articles of Provisions, or Stores, as you may have in your Care, belonging to the United States, as he may want for the purpose of fiting the Ship Confederacy for Sea, taking duplicate Recp's for the same, one of which always send me by the first safe Conveyance.

PETER COLT D C G P

Hartford March 27th, 1779.

Mr. Thos. Fanning Pur's Com'y Norwich.

Mr. Faning is to deliver no Flour on this order. as soon as any can be spared it shall be sent for that purpose.

PETER COLT

THOMAS MUMFORD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Groton 1 April 1779

Dear Sir

My Sloop Hancock† in her Late Action exhausted the Chief of her warlike Stores. I am Necesicated for some

* Written in another hand.

† A Connecticut Sloop; Guns, 10; Crew, 80; Owner, Thomas Mumford.

Cartridge Paper. Mr. Leffingwell writes me he has none, will you Sell or Lend me Half a Ream. my Sloop will Sail again in three Days at farthest. Send it by either of the Passage Boats if you Can Spare it and oblige D'r S'r Your Humble Serv't

THOS. MUMFORD.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board East'n Department
Boston 9th April 1779

Sir

Your favors of 19th of March and 3d instant we have received requesting us to send you an Account of what we have sent forward for the use of the Confederacy that is charged to your Acco't.

We would inform you that we have debted the Ship with every Article except 2 Casks of Coffee wt. nt. 646 li. @ 7/ per li £226.12/.

An Invoice of the Slops we inclosed to Mr. Richards the Purser of the Ship. Rum you must purchase in Connecticutt the Expene of Carting and other Charges besides the Uncertainty of getting it timely to you makes it almost impossible for us to send it.

We are very Sorry for your disappointment of Bread, as the Confederacy is ordered by the Hon'ble Marine Com'tee to Cruise off the Delaware she must run up the Bay and Apply to the Navy Board at Philadelphia for that Article We know of no other Method she can be furnished with Bread We hope she will have sailed before this reaches and that Mr. Deshon pointed out this way for obtaining her Bread. We are very respectfully Sir Your Most humble Serv'ts

WM. VERNON, for the Board.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

N. London April 10th 1779.

Dear Sir

I have rec'd Orders from N. B. to Send the Ship Confederacy away as soon as posable. wish you would Spur up Capt'n Harden Get the flowr here as soon as posable, and in Short do Every thing that is Needfull and Necessary for geting rid of this Eye Soar. I am D'r S'r Your Humble Serv't

JOHN DESHON.

I have not 1/ mony to help my self with.

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Hartford 10th April 1779.

D'r Bro'r

I this minute hear of a members being on his way home through Norwich, by him must inform you that I surely believe it utterly impossible for me to procure you 20 Bushells of Corn on the river. The Assembly have been thinking on ways and means to know the Quantity on hand in the State and distributing it to the poor and Supplying the Army. But they seem at present undetermined and wavering in the matter. Should a Secreting take place I think it probable a quantity might be bought. But I am the worst person in the world to purchase it as every one thinks I raise enough for myself and neighbours and therefore have no occasion to buy it. But if I thought it probable it could at present be procured I would employ some proper person to purchase for me. I have enquired of the members on the East and West side Windsor, they tell me, tis impossible to procure it there which is the most likely place I know of. The seeds you shall have such as we have which are but few, as our Roots we set out for seed rotted in the Ground last year. I expect some Cellery seed of Bro'r Webb, who is not now at home. That is a late article and if you have it some weeks hence it will be soon enough. You have heard by Capt. Ingraham and Mr. Fanning that the Plank and 4000 feet Pine Boards have some time been ready for

for you. Capt. Ingraham had not your Order to take them on board and got his load without them.

If I have not answered all your Letter of 26th ulto. tis because I am from home and in great haste The Salt you mention to be exchanged for Corn Ingraham told me nothing of nor delivered to me: A Hh'd he had which was stored at Hartford Supposed to be for Col. Pitkin Father Huntington has said nothing to me about it. Your Letter never Came to hand till after Ingrahams departure.

With Compliments etc. etc. to all freinds I remain as ever your Affectionate Bro'r

JOHN CHESTER.

If within 6 or 8 days you Could send me a few Cions of good Winter fruit it would be very acceptable. If you do please to Bundle them and write what sort they are.

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London April 16th 1779.

Dear Sir

I desired Mr. Wheat to call on you, and request you to send a Teem Immediatly to uxbridge for the Slops for the Ship Confederacy. this Ship must sail soon. Capt'n Harden says there is Several things wanting for her that are Very Necessary, and are to come from N. W. I was on board the Ship yesterday, and had bitter Complaints made, for want of fresh beef peas beens etc. Nothing but Salt meat and bread, no Salt. for Goodness Sake let us stir our Stumps and Get this Ship out of Sight as Soon as posable. the Slops must be sent for directly cost what it may. I am respectfully Yours

JOHN DESHON.

JOHN MANLEY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Providence May 4, 1779.

Sir

Mr. Luther Smith a Teamster that Carried a Gun from hence for the Ship Confederacy, Complains he has not been

paid for the Carting the same, but says you have order'd him to this Office for pay at which I am surpris'd when you well know, the freight has always been paid at the Delivery of the Goods. there has not been one farthing sent to this Office this 12 months and you have had Sundry Large sums remitted you had I rec'd Effects I should have expected then to have paid the Carting but I have only the Trouble of procuring Teams here to forward them along to Norwich. You must therefore endeavour to satisfy the Teamsters by some way or other for there is not one farthing in this office to pay any Expences whatever I am in behalf of Daniel Tillinghast Sir yours etc.

JOHN MANLEY.

NAVY BOARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Navy Board Eastern Department
Boston May 13th 1779

Sir

We received yours of the 8th Instant and have Agreeable to your desire paid Mr. Huntington Two hundred pounds and shall Endeavor if in our power to honor your bill in favor of Mr. Tilley when presented, but you are to Consider our Situation as well as your own, from your knowledge and Experience We are to Expect such Consideration. We make this Observation because your Letters frequently seem to convey an Idea that we are backward in giving you the Necessary Supplys. We are you must know frequently very Short of Money and far from being able to Supply the demands of the Several Agents, as well as a great variety of others which we are continually Subject to. We are very Sorry that you are prevented from pursuing your private Concerns, and you may rely on Our readiness to do you Justice as soon as it is in our power, but sooner than it is in our power you have no right to Complain of us for not doing it. It seems to us that the regular way is now to Exhibit your Accounts which we will Attend to and Settle as soon as possible, and pay the Ballance as soon as

we are in Cash. That your people should refuse to render their Accounts till paid Appears to us very Extraordinary, perhaps their Accounts till paid would not be proper Articles of Charge in your Accounts but they might furnish grounds of an Estimate for us to supply more money in Addition to the large Sums already paid you. We are Your most humble Serv'ts

WM. VERNON
J. WARREN.

JARED TRACY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston May 14th 1779

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 9th Inst. came to hand I made the enquiry you desir'd and am inform'd that Tin ware in General is Sold at about Twenty four for one. That Lanthorns have been much higher at 30 or 40 for one.

I thought it not best to purchase your Two Pieces of Linnen when I first Receiv'd your Order, but find I miss'd it in putting it off, as they have rise considerable since and I se no prospect of them, or anything else being any Cheaper very soon. I don't know what is to become of our money, if there is not something very Speedily done to establish the Credit of it; it will not purchase any thing much longer People in General are not willing to Sell their Goods for it now, unless it is where they se some imediate Object to Lay it out in. this is a bad Doctrine to Promulgate, but it is a Melancholy Truth. But I have wander'd from my Subject. I have at lenth purchass'd you two pieces of Linnen at the enormous price of Two hundred and Twenty five pounds for the Two. I was really at loss whether to purchase them at that Price but Mr. Thomas says he will take them if they don't suit you. they are pack with Mr. Huntingtons Goods. I wish them safe and to suite you and am D'r S'r Your Friend and very Humble Servant

JARED TRACY.

SILAS GOODELL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Camp Reading May 16th 1779

Sir

I Now take this opertunity of writing by Lt Pride would Inform you that we are in health, and it is Very healthy among the Soldiers in General, but we hear Graete Complaints from the Soldiers for want of Cloathes and money but I am in apt to think we shall have beter times before it is wors.

Sir I Delivered the money that you 'Sent to Maj'r Devenport and Delivered the Receipt to Lt. Pride so that you should have it, and I was in Danger of Loosing it.

when I Came from hom I Left one of my New Shirts and took an old one throug mistake If not I have Lost one, but If Mrs. Huntington will take the troble Looking in my Chest and If it is their Should be Glad to have it sent on by Lt. Prid.

So no more at this time am in hast Give my Compliments to all Enquireing frinds am with Respect your humb'e Serv't

SILUS GOODELL.

THOMAS SHAW TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London May 19 1779

Sir

I Rec'd your request for the Loan of Eight barrels flour. I wish it was in my power to oblege you. The Prize only brot in 108 barrels the Ship took out sum for use and the familes of the Captors have no regard to their proportion of flour but every one insist upon a supply agreeable they say to a promise of Mr. Shaw that they should the very first prize that was sent in have all. Your Hum'e Serv't

THOS. SHAW.

JOHN MANLEY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

PROVIDENCE, May 27, 1779

Sir

I was in Connecticut some days agon; where I was apply'd to by a number of Teamsters that Carted Stores, for Ship Confederacy; in order for their pay for carting the same, as they said you refus'd paying them and order'd them to this office for their pay; in Consequence of which I was oblig'd to write down to Coll. Tillinghast who was then at the Navy Board and upon his Application they Told him by no means to pay them as it Intirely belong'd to your department to pay; Since which here is, 3 of the Backus's and 1 Parrish and one Tracey, who Carried Stores for the said Ship, and was agreed with to be paid the same price, one Trott gave which was 24/ as he himself had told some of them; The price I thought was high, but if he did give that it was agreed they should be paid it, now as he lives the next door it can be easiely determin'd if he Asserted a falshood, the matter lays with him and not with me in behalf of Coll. Tillinghast I am Sir your very hble Servant

JOHN MANLEY.

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WETHERSFIELD 11th June A. D. 1779.

Dear Brother

The last time I wrote you I was in the greatest possible Haste, and am not much better off now. I have thrown my Acc't Dr. and Cr. together so far as I have been able to recollect it, but as to prices I dont pretend to fix them. We both know the going price at time of delivery, but it has been my fortune ever to be in Debt (I believe) since we opened Accounts; and I dont desire to Charge the going prices for articles, in payment of Debts of 6 months or a years standing, when the prices of articles have risen 100 per Ct. I think therefore we must be together when we settle and fix the prices between us so as to do Justice to both. I thought best however to send you a Copy of my book that you may be thinking of it and if you please put down the prices as you think right etc.

I proposed to have Visited my Norwich Friends with Mrs. Chester this Month, but I am all over head and Ears in Business; and having a Convenient opportunity by a Kinsman to wait on her down, I thought it most prudent to [sta]y at home to Plow and hoe. But I hope we shall see Each o[ther be]fore long. I think I forgot one or two Articles in m[y] former Acc't which was an inducement for me to forward this to you now, fearing something might happen by which we might not see each other soon. I paid Rogers £12. for a drum before the Delivery of it. He since tells me he has forwarded it according to promise to the Ship Confederacy. I hope it has not been paid for again by any person on board or Concern'd.

Your Mr. Cleveland has brot in a bill for freeing the Negroes. The Question being put 46 were for it and 42 ag't it. Taxation is not much altered. You will hear the whole of it per father Huntington the last of this Week. He has resigned his Commission as Maj'r Gen'l. I wish he would now Quit the Council of Safety at least for a Season and take his pleasure a little and I should hope he might recover his health again. My Love to all Friends and beleeve me Yours Affectionately

JOHN CHESTER.

JAMES CHURCH TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Sir

I have had no Oppurtunity of sending by one returning back here again my Bill for the Pump Chain, nor did I really know at what Price to Charge it as I suppose the Labour bestowed on it would add much to the Value, there is no kind of work done here by the Blacksmiths but is charged at 20 for one shall leave it with you to send me as you shall think Just and reasonable in proportion to other things and remain Y'r Hum'e Serv't

JAMES CHURCH.

June 14th 1779
W't of the Chain 155½ lb.

THOMAS SHAW TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

The Frigate Trumbull
to N. Shaw, Dr.

1779			
Mar.	To 3 Large Cod Lines @ 48s/ . .		£7.4.–
20	To 4 " ditto 36/ . .		7.4.–
	To 1 Gro. Cod Hooks		12.0.0
	To 12 lb. Shott 10/ . .		6.0
			£32.8.0
	To 2 Gal Spirits Turpentine . .		12.–.–
			44.8.–

New London June 17 1779

Sir

Looking over my Books I find the above Articles were omitted in my Bill which you will please to add, and I am not Certain but the Confederacy carried off a Small Anchor of ours, as I Lent them one when they first came down the River and can't find it was ever returned. I am Sir Your Hum'e Serv't

THOS. SHAW.

THOMAS MUMFORD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Groton 9th July 1779

Dear Sir,

I am in want of a Spar for a Square Sail Yard for Sloop Hancock 48 feet Long and one other Sparr for a Yard 40 feet Long. I have plenty in Connecticutt River but Cannot get them here in Season. if you Can Either Sell or Lend me them I will thank you particularly the one for a squar Sail Yard. Send them per first Boat Coming Down and Oblige D'r S'r Your m't Humb'e Serv't

THOS. MUMFORD.

SAMUEL TRACY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH July 20th 1779.

Dear Sir,

Thos. Leffingwell Jun. this Day came to me escorted by Serg't Kingsley and told me that He (s'd Leffingwell) came to me as a Civil Majistrate to make a Declaration of his being a loyal Subject to King George the 3rd., that he had taken an Oath of Allegiance to s'd George the Oath of Abjuration etc. Signified that I might Confine him or exchange him and many more such Things, saying that He Should not take up Arms against George his rightful Sovereign. He pretended he was willing his Interest should be Called for as it was wanted was willing to be subject to Civil Authority but not to Military Discipline. I tho't he was in Good Hands and he promised if he was not stopped by the Civil Authority upon Hon'r to be at New London by 10 or 11 in the Morning so the matter rests. These from yours To Serve

SAM'L TRACY, Justice of Peace.

BENAJAH LEFFINGWELL* TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH July 26 1779.

Dear Sir

I had Joshua Whipple and Joseph Roath Detached from the Company under my Command to do a Short tower of duty at New London under your Command they never went down nor the Guards Could not find them and this day I Received Orders from Colo. Abbott to Draft two men to Serve in the Connecticutt Regiment till march Next I have Drafted the Above named men and I thought proper to let you no the matter not noing but you might have sent After them again but I Believe youl be Satisfied with my Proseedings with out them. I am Sir Your Most Humble Serv't

BENAJAH LEFFINGWELL.

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*Captain twentieth Regiment Connecticut Militia, Major 1780.

JAMES CHURCH TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich July 28th 79

Sir

Capt. Perkins informs me that you had Ordered Payment for the Chain I sent you at the Rate of 15/ per lb. which is much lower than it was Estimated at Hartford as it was by no one set lower than 24/ but as I desired you to get the Opinion of your Blacksmith shall be content if that is his Opinion; Iron at that Time with us was Sold @ £40.0.0 per Ton and I sold common Timber Chains for 14/ per lb. and I think the workmanship of one and the other very different. should be obliged to you for an Answer by the Bearer and am Sir Your Humble Serv't

JAMES CHURCH.

ANDREW PERKINS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Aug't 9 1779

Dear Sir

Inclosed I Send you Capt. John Braddicks Recpt. for 20^{c}. 1^{q}. 19^{li}. Barr lead Directed to Brig. Gen'l John Tyler he has also two Small Boxes and one Small Cask Suppose to Contain three Hund'd and Sixty Pounds and three Quarters of a pound Lead Ball and three Doz flints ordered to Gen'l Tyler by your Father which pray you to take Proper Care of. I Cannot Do Justice to you and not Inform you that in Stead of Mr. Backus Putting his own horse into your Pasture to be Kept, he puts in Traveller Hungry Horses from four to Six in a night I Guess it will be well paired up before you Return. you Know the odds betwen Pastureing Travellers Horses by the night and Keeping a family horse Steady I have mistrusted that to be the Case and have had a look out Kept and find as I tell you If you Can have a Just account from him I shall be Glad but to be Paid by the week for Keeping horsés in that manner is not as I think Just. I have not put my Cow or horse in nor Shall not as I find the Game Goes. If the above account is agreeble to you pray you to Inform me that my mind may be

Eased your Family is well from Dear Sir Your most Humble Serv't

ANDREW PERKINS.

P. S. I have Got the better half through the book and find it tills up well Some Hinderance, not to be avoided has prevented my Gitting through I have been advised by Mr. Fanning to make Debt and Credit in Drawing of the acct. he says if he was to Do it he would by all means Draw of both sides then there will be a fair acct. to Show and Settle without any Altercation I want your answer. A. P.

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WETHERSFIELD August 16th 1779.

Dear Brother

The harvest for the Staple comodity of this Town is just beginning. We are pulling and bunching our onions. If you want any for your own use or to dispose of I have them at your service; and perhaps you had best take enough to secure a poor debt you may not be able to get in any other way. If you should not want any yourself, you would oblige me if you could help me in the disposal of one or two thousand ropes for Cash, or Tea, Coffee, or Sugar, with a thousand other et Ceteras, clean in the family way. I hear you propose seeing Wethersfield this, or next week in your way to N Haven. You can then acquaint me how far you will be able to assist me. I Wish you would bring sister with you. it will be good for her health. My Love to her and sutable Regards to all our Norwich friends. My Mother and Wife join herein with D'r Bro'r Yours affectionately

JOHN CHESTER.

I should be glad if you would write me on this subject per first Opportunity.

JOHN DAVENPORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

STAMFORD Octo. 4th 1779

Sir

I sent the certificates of the seizure of the flour inclosed in a letter to you several days since I hope you have rec'd it before this. West India markets are rather dull here yet. I imagine Rum will soon take a start again Good West India Rum is not sold lower than 36 dollars per Gallon. I should be glad you would inform me the price of West India goods in your part of the country.

No news of importance in this part of the world. Your friend and serv't

JNO. DAVENPORT.

JARED TRACY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

BOSTON Oct'r 16th 1779.

Dear Sir

I Receiv'd Yours Requesting me to forward your Sugars, if they cou'd be Permitted to go out of The State; by the late Adition to the Embargoe Act, they may be Permitted to Come on "the Owner or Importer of the Goods making Oath before some Magistrate in this State that the Articles were by him Imported into this State since the first day of August last and that he was not at the time of such Importation, nor is now an Inhabitant of this State." That I don't se any way they can be got along with Safety Unless you come down here Yourself and Swear. Why no Other Proof is Admited but the Oath of The Owner, Or why they cannot trust any Other Magistrate but one of their Own I know not, but so it is. I am D'r S'r with Esteem your Friend and humble Serv't

JARED TRACY.

SILAS GOODELL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Camp PEEKSKILLS Nov'r 4th '79.

Sir,

I take this opertunity of writing by Ebenezer Armstrong of Colo. Wyllys Reg't as he is Going hom for Cloath-

ing for Lt. Prid and I should be Very muh Oblig'd to you to Send on by him Cloth for Vest and breeches for me as their is No Cloathing to be purchased heare at any Rate we are Raged and Destitute of money and Cloths I Expected to Come hom this Fall but Cannot for the want of money. If you Could Send Some white Cloth it would be best for our under Dress is to be white for this year.

Sir I am Not able to furnish any money by the barer but will Settle all Accounts when I Come hom as I hope it will be Soon as I think the war is almost over.

Give my Compliments to Mrs Huntington and all the Famely

am in hast as the Soldier is waiting am with Respect yous etc.

SILAS GOODELL.

SAMUEL ELIOT, JR., TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston 10 Nov'r 1779

Dear Sir

Your favor of 13 October I rec'd after it had made a Tour of a fortnight, it taken from the Post Office by a Gentleman named Sam'l White who open'd it and finding it directed to Sam Eliot, resealed and d'ld it to the Post Master who forgott it again. The last Week was the most busy Season I ever knew, my Brother was ordain'd in and over our Church on Wednesday last. my house was appointed for entertaining the Delegates etc. this kept us in confusion from Fryday preceeding to Saturday succeeding. Thus much for Apology of delay. I am very sorry that provisions cannot be obtain'd, but we must do the best we can, it will not be so difficult to procure them, with us now, as when you were in Boston. Cannon continue rising. if an opportunity presents of doing any thing to advantage in the method I propos'd, I shall esteem it a favour to have the earliest intelligence, and shall be happy to do you any favor in return. Several times I have been to Mr. Bumsteds Chaise house and Store but was not fortunate enough to find

him. Mr. Fowle Chaise Maker and Mr. Osborn painter give it as their opinion that such a Chaise would be about £900 or £1000. Oyl at present is from 18 to 24 Dollars per Gallon. it is my Opinion that Oyl will be higher. As soon as I can see Mr. Bumsted, I will give you Opinion. I remain With great respect Your friend and hum'e Servant

SAM. ELIOT, Jr.

P. S. if not inconvenient to You please to inform Capt. Rockwell if he does not forward evidence to me before the 24 Nov'r *Caesar* or *Daniel* Halsey will certainly recover in the two Cases against Benj'n his Servant.

ROBERT MORRIS TO THOMAS MUMFORD.

Philad'a April 25th 1780.

Sir

I have just received your favour of the 12th Inst. whereby you make me an Owner of One Eighth part of the French Ship, which is very agreable to me, altho I confess to feel a repugnance on Account of reducing your share to a smaller amount than you wish to hold and am really sorry my first letter did not reach in time to prevent the Sale of the ⅛th first intended for me. you will see by my letter of last Week that giving up the expectation of this Concern I then disposed of some bills I had procured on Boston in order to make you the necessary remittance. Whether I can procure any more I cannot tell, but as I am determined to accept this Concern *in order to try our luck together*, I must seek out the means of making you remittances and it shall be effected with all the speed, that is possible, as to any allowance to be made for depreciation I wish you had named your expectations on that point, for I shall not be averse to doing what is reasonable. how the depreciation has gone on with you during the period you mention I do not know. it has not been considerable this way during that time and is now rather going the other way owing to the extreme Scarcity of Money which is become so universal, that the Merchants dare not sell their Goods on Credit and the dealers have not ready Money to pay

consequently prices begin to lower for ready Money and Gold is now offered Current for Sale at a lower price than it was last Week—these circumstances I mention for your information and not to avoid any reasonable or just allowance that the circumstances of this transaction entitle you to. Perhaps the most agreable mode of paying you the first Cost of my Eighth part of the Ship may be in bills on Europe I have some that Cost me Nine Continental Doll'rs for every Livre Tournois and some people are striving to obtain Ten but I think the Scarcity of Money will prevent it. If you choose to accept the Amount of ⅛th part of what you paid on Account of this Ship in the Month of Feb'y at Eight Doll'rs for each Livre and the rest at Nine Doll'rs I am Content to pay you in that way and to prevent delay I enclose herein some first and second bills as mentioned underneath Amounting to Livers .17428.11.0 for which you will credit me if you accept my offer, informing me the Sum you so place to me credit at Eight Dollars and how much at Nine the third and fourth bills shall be sent when I receive your Answer. shou'd you decline this offer and prefer receiving Money, you may draw upon me for any Sum you find necessary and the bills shall be paid, but if you cannot command Money for drafts and decline the bills I will remit you on receipt of your answer either in Money or bills on Boston, and in that case I must request you will remit the bills now sent, the 1st and 2d by different Conveyances to Messrs. Le Couteulx & Comp'y Banquiers a Paris, for my Account desiring them to recover payment and to hold the Money Subject to my order, but I immagine you will receive these bills as an acceptable remittance and think the price I put on them a full Compensation for Depreciation. I am Sir Your Obed't hble Serv't

ROB'T MORRIS.

P. S. pray inform me the Ship and Masters Name Shou'd she send any Prizes here I suppose they will be to my address, also at Baltimore where I can do the business in Virginia I recommend Messrs. Benj'n Harrison jun'r & Co. at Osbornes James River.

J. HUNTINGTON TO JEREMIAH WADSWORTH.

Morristown 5th May 1780.

My dear Sir,

You know before this that a French Armament is to cooperate with us this Campaign, but what will be their Disappointment on Arrival to find the Country destitute of Arrangements, Magazines and almost of an Army, what remains of the latter, half starved, half naked and without Pay. I assure you I have Apprehensions that our good Allies will stay long enou' to cast upon us a Look of Chagrin and Pity and turn upon their Heels. if it should be the Case we are not to expect another such friendly Effort. should they stay awhile, will not the Avarice of the Country by demanding three or four times the former Prices, soon discourage them. when are we to be reinforced, the Languor of the Country creates a thousand fears. is it not a possible Thing to revive the Feelings which pervaded every Breast in the Commencement of the War, when every Man considered the Fate of his Country as depending on his own Exertions.* indeed we must not neglect this golden Opportunity of terminating the War. the Means are undoubtedly in our Power. what will it be for a Town to raise a subscription sufficient to make it the pecuniary Interest of twenty or thirty Men to engage for the Campaign, for the War would be vastly more eligible—at any Rate don't fail to let us have the Men required and as early as possible that they may at least be taught the first Principles of Discipline. the service of this Campaign may demand higher Discipline than the Troops have ever yet been called to. we shall get N. Y. at the hardest, if at all. if we fail—we must not fail, indeed we must not, you know we must not.

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*Comte de Rochambeau writing to Comte de Vergennes July 16, 1780, says: "Send us troups, ship, and money; but do not depend upon these people, nor upon their means; they have neither money nor credit; their means of resistance are only momentary, and called forth when they are attacked in their homes. They then assemble for the moment of immediate danger and defend themselves. Washington commands sometimes fifteen thousand, sometimes three thousand men." *Battles of the American Revolution*, Carrington, 504.

Since I began this Letter I hear you are on the Committe. it gives me Pleasure. I will try to hope every thing from my Countrymen. I could add a great Deal for I feel a great Deal, but I need not, as your own Sentiments have already anticipated whatever is just on the Occasion. I am, my dear sir, Your affectionate Friend

J HUNTINGTON*

P. S. do you recollect forwarding me a Letter the last of April or beginning of May and by whom.

Rivingtons† story of the Loss of Charlestown looses ground indeed it is said he has published a Recantation. however we have yet much to dread from that Quarter.

[Superscribed] Col. WADSWORTH, Hartford. Per Col. Huntington.

[Indorsed] Gen. Huntington, May 5, 1780.

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JEREMIAH WADSWORTH.

HUTTS MOUNT PLEASANT 2d June 1780

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 16th Ulto. came safe to hand and should have been answer'd before this time, had I not delay'd it, to have the Returns ask'd for, accompany it. I have forwarded the Return to Secretary Wyllys as you proposed. I wish something effectual might be done to detect deserters many of them are Lurking about in the Country and might be pick'd up, if the Country would exert itself. it would not only recruit the Army, but Punish those damn'd Rascalls, and relieve the honest Country men drafted to supply their places and who are not so good in the field. I am with great Esteem your most Obed't Serv't

EBEN. HUNTINGTON.

June 3d 80 by a letter from a Mr. Laurens‡ in N Carolina 160 Miles from Charlestown, dated the 16th May no Mention is made of Charlestown being taken indeed it is

* Not the handwriting of either Jabez, Jedidiah or Joshua Huntington.

† *The Royal Gazette*, a Loyalist newspaper, published at New York by James Rivington.

‡ Laurens, Henry, 1724-92. Charleston surrendered May 12th.

not believed by our friends at Head Quarters, nor has it been.

My Compliments to Mrs. Wadsworth etc. etc. and believe me as before, E. H.

[Superscribed,] JEREMIAH WADSWORTH Esq'r, Hartford.

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON TO JEREMIAH WADSWORTH.

NORWICH April 16th 1781.

Dear Sir

Since I Sent you an acct. of flower Rec'd of Mr. J. Elderkin, I have Rec'd Seven Barrels Wheat Flower Cont'g 15^{c}. o. 7^{li}. Nt. Mr. Shaw Informs me that he wishes to Sell his Cargo of Pork, Flower Peas and Butter. he gave me no price butt Says He will take the Value in Bills payable in France. the barer Hry Williams will be a good Opportunity to bring me some money: I Can make Ab't £300 State money Pass att 2 for one, a Small Sett of Bills with Some Conta will be agreable Mr. Devotion has D'd 2377 li. Cheese. they are in very Good order. Mr. D. Trumbull is D'd me a quantity of Wheat and Rye flower for the French, must Itt be Ship'd for N'port, or wait your orders. I am with Esteem your very Humb'e Serv't

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

[On the outside of folded sheet.] if you have any Molasses to Distill Brother And'w will be glad to Distill itt, on Reasonable Terms.

[Superscribed] Coll. JEREMIAH WADSWORTH, Hartford.

BENJAMIN HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

HARTFORD May 19th 1781.

Sir

I have Repeatedly applied to the Clerk of the Council of Safety for the Copy of their Permit for your Flour etc. but Cannot yet git it but will send it as soon as Can obtain it which will Doubtless be Some Time next Week you may think it Strange that I Could git a Grant as soon as applied for and be five or Six Days before I Can Obtain a Copy but

if you Knew that Mr. Paine is the Man that must give out the Copy you would not be Surprized he is Very full of Business and Cannot be hurried. From Sir your Hum'e Serv't BENJ. HUNTINGTON.

[Superscribed] Mr. ANDREW HUNTINGTON, Merch't, Norwich. Per Mr. Miner.

JONATHAN WILLIAMS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NANTES, 1. March, 1782.

Sir

The Present serves only to renew my offers of Service, and to inclose a Price current of our Market, which I hope may induce you to favor me with your Commands. I am very respectfully, Sir Your most obedient and most humble Servant, JON'A WILLIAMS.

PRICE CURRENT.

NANTES, the 1 March, 1782.

Virginia Tobacco. 100 à 105 p. hund wt.
Maryland, do. 90 à 95 do.
Indigo. 5, 8, 10 liv. if very good flottant 14 liv. p pound.
Rice. 30 à 36 liv. p. hund.
Flour. 32 à 36 liv. p. barril of 180 pound wt.
Tar. } 42 à 45 liv. p. bl.
Pitch. }
Turpentine, 35 liv. p. hund wt.
Bar Iron. 30 liv. p. hund wt.
Flax-seed. 46 sols p Nantes Bushel about ⅓ english measure.
Beeswax. 45 sols p pound.
Otter-Skins. 20 à 24 liv. each.
Red-Foxes, do. 5 à 7 liv. do.
Grey-Foxes. 6 à 8 liv. do.
Fishers. 4 à 5 liv. do. } Other peltry in proportion.
Martins, do. 3 à 3 liv. 10 s. do.
Minks, 3 à 4 liv. do.
Sables. 3 à 4 liv. do.
Logwood. 15 à 20 liv. hund wt.

Lignum vitae. 12 à 14 liv. do.
Mahogony. 8 à 10 liv. p foot.
Fustic. 12 à 14 liv. hund wt.
Sasafras. 10 liv. do.
Pot-Ash. 40 à 45 do.
Pearl Ash. 50 à 50 do.
Elephants's Teeth. 30 sols à 3 liv. 12 sols per pound.
Masts. } Masts & Spars, &c. are sold by the Lump, so much for a cargo, a particular price current cannot therefore be given, they are at present very dear and it would cost 4 or 6000 liv. to mast a ship of 2 or 300 tons.
Spars. }
Deals. }
Pipe staves. 300 p. 1800 staves.
Hhd, do. 160 p. 1200 do.
Barel, do. 80 à 110 p. 2100 do.
Coffee 25 à 27 sols p. Pound.
Brown Sugar. 56 à 70 liv. p. hund Wt.
Clayed do. 1st quality 110 liv. do.
2 95 liv. do.
3 86 liv. do.
Cotton. 290 liv. do.
Cocoa, 15 à 20 sols p. pound.

Jon'a Williams, Jun'r.

PRICE CURRENT.

Nantes, the 1 March 1782.

Bohea Tea. 3 liv. 5 s. pound.
Congo, do. } 5 à 6 liv. do.
Souchong, do. }
Hyson, do. 9 liv. do.
Salt p muid of about 5000 liv. 30 à 40 liv. with charges.
Pepper. 45 à 50 sols p. pound.
Powder. 20 sols. do.
Saltpetre. 20 sols. do.
Sulphur. 33 liv. p. hund. wt.
Nutmegs. 10 à 12 liv. pound.
Cinamon. 6 à 8 liv. do.

Cloves. 7 à 9 liv. do.
Mace. 38 liv.
Sail Cloth. 20 à 45 sols p. ell.

1st	. .	40 45 do.	Their is a difference in the Width of French Duck, which sometimes makes light dearer than heavy.
2	. .	35 40 do.	
3	. .	30 35 do.	
4	. .	25 30 do.	
5	. .	20 25 do.	

Russia-Duck. 60 à 70 liv. p piece.
Oznabrig's. 24 à 28 sols p ell.
Hemp. 43 à 45 liv. p. hund wt.
Cordage. 45 liv. do.
Lead in Barrs. 29 à 32 liv. do.
Nails 30 à 70 liv. p. hund wt. according to size, the smallest, the dearest.
Copperas, 12 liv. p. hund wt.
Verdigrease, 32 à 36 sols p. pound.
Pipes, 5 à 6 liv. p. gross.
Card Wire 18 à 24 sols p liv.
Refined Sugar. 120 à 135 liv.
Cannons 6 P. from 600 to 680.
4 P. 350 à 380.
Swivels, 32 liv.
Balls. 14 à 15 liv. p. hund Wt.
Shot. 30 liv. do.
Muskets. second hand 7 à 10 liv. very good 18 à 20 liv.
Brandy. 80 liv. for 29 velts or 60 gallons.
Cláret. good 900 liv. p. Ton.

JON'A WILLIAMS, Jun.

RUFUS B. ABEL TO JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON.

CAPE FRANCOIS April 6th 1782.

Honnor'd Sir

The Situation of the American Seamen prisoners in Jamaica is really shocking, where they are thrown Promiscuously into prison, and kept in that horrid and infectious confinement, till famine and every concomitant Distress

Oblidges them to engage on board Ships of War and Merchantmen, or inevitably perish where they are, as there is not the Least provision made for them here, nor no Exchange from America.

All the Enemy captur'd by Americans and brought to this place are Exchang'd for french prisoners, by which means all hopes of Relief are cut of from our Countrymen, and they Left to make their Excape (of which there is but very few instances) or Except the Alternative Above mentioned, all which Cases and Situation would be easily Remedied, had we but an American Agent here.

I am now Established in this place in Company with Mr. James Dennie a young Gentleman from Boston (and are the only Two Americans Settled here) and have had the pleasure to see our Correspondants encrease very fast both in America and the Windward Islands.

Should your Honnor be Led to think my Inabilities Sufficient to Discharge the Duties of that Employment, and your goodness induce you to make use of your influence, in procuring me the Same, you will add one to the many and great Obligations allready confer'd on Sir Y'r most Obed't and very Hum'e Serv't

R. B. ABEL.

[Superscribed] General JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON, Norwich, Connecticut. Per Capt. Cory, via Newport.

SILAS GOODELL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

CAMP CONNECTICUT VILLAGE June 10th 1782.

D. Sir,

am Happy of having an opertunity of writing by Capt. Durkee would Inform you that it is very healthy in Camp at present. nothin Special for News it is Repoarted that the French and English have had a very sevear action* at Sea and Rivington publishes a very Pompius account of the Enguagement he Says that the French had Six Ships of the

* Defeat of De Grasse by Rodney. See *The Influence of Sea Power upon History*, Mahan, 486.

Line taken and Blown up in the Enguagement if that is true I Expect an inactive Campain this Summer.

Yesterday the Rhode Island Rigiment Joind the Line that Regt. Consists of betwen five and Six Hundred Men these troops with the Connecticut Make a Respectfull Command and we all wish Gen'l Huntington to take the Command at present the Line is Commanded by Colo. Swift† a very Good Man but we wish for his Little Excellency.

Prehaps you have heard of the troops plan to have their pay they proposed to be at Hartford at the Election and their Demand their pay of the Governor this Manouver was to be put into Execution the Morning before the officers had notis of it but Happily it was Discovered by one of the Soldiers in the Evening before we soon found the Leaders and Confind four of the men they had their tryal and all acquitted but one he was Executed the Next Day. am in Expectation the army will have money by the first of August and not sooner the army have not Drawn any pay Since January as was Expected and Congress have passed a Resolve that the officers Shall Draw but one Ration wich occations a number of Fast Days.

Pleas to Give my Compliments to all frind am with the Greatest Respect your Frind and Hum'e Sarv't

S. GOODELL.

JOSEPH AND JOSHUA GRAFTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Salem 15th June '82.

Dear Sir,

Permit us to forward you the enclos'd Price Current as Rec'd from our Mr. Joseph Grafton the 2d Inst. and to make you a tender of our best Services. We with much Respect are Dear Sir, Your very Hum'e Serv'ts

JOSEPH & JOSHUA GRAFTON.

†Swift, Heman, Colonel of Second Regiment, "Connecticut Line."

PRICE CURRENT.

		Dollars.	Rials.	
Superfine Flour Common do.	. . .	26.		
Pork	. . . . .	32		Barrel.
Beef	. . . . .	25		
Potatoes	. . . . .	8		
Turpentine	. . . .	10		
Pitch	. . . . .	25		
Tar	. . . . .	8		
Rosin	. . . . .	..		
20d. Nails	. . . . .			Hundred.
10d. do. 8d. do. 6d. do. 4d. do. 3d. do.	 15	@ 25		
Linseed Oil	. . . .	37	4	
Iron	. . . . .	8		
Cordage	. . . . .	30		
Cod Fish Scale do.	 8	@ 10		
Rice	. . . . .	5		
White Wax	. . . .	70		
Train Oil Tallow	. . . . .	20		
Bourdeaux Wine Catalonia do.	. . .	50		Hogshead.
Madeira	. . . . .	180		Pipe.
Onions	. . . . .	..	2	Bunch.
Boards	. . . . .	..	5d	Foot.
Candles	. . . . .	..	2½	Pound.
White Lead	. . . .	..	5	
Red Paint Yellow do.	. . . . .	..	2½	
Indigo	. . . . .	..		
Butter	. . . . .	..	4	
Cheese	. . . . .	..	2⅜	
Bees Wax	. . . . .	..	4	

Tin	..	2	Sheet.
Brown Sugar	..	10	Arobe.
White do.	..	14	
Cocoa	6		
Coffee	4		
Hides	..	10	Each.
Salt	..		Bushel.

N. B. 8 Rials is a Dollar, and an Arobe 27 lb.

HAVANA, 2d June 1782.

JOSEPH and JOSHUA GRAFTON.

BARNABAS DEANE & CO. TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WETHERSFIELD July 4th 1782.

Dear Sir,

We have made Enquiry after Onions and find they will be Ready Soon. we will Endeavor to have the Quantity wanted for the Mercury at New London by the 20th Inst. You will therefore Calculate your fixing the Sloop Accordingly; the price of Onions is not Broke yet. Believe they will not Exceed 4d, but if Purchasers are Scarce they will not be higher than 3d or 3½d. We think one pair of Guns, with wooden ones would be as well as to have Two pair of Iron Guns, as we Cannot make much Dependence on Resistance.

You will Consult the Concern'd at Norwich and as they Determine will be Agreeable to us; We think the Cape would be a Better place for a Voyage than Havona.

We will Send Down a pair of Six pound Coronades if you want them for the Sloop. We are Y'r Verry Humble Serv'ts

BAR'S DEANE & Co.

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WETHERSFIELD 4th July 1782 and 1st day of the Seventh year of our Independance.

Dear Bro'r

Your favor of 1st Inst. per Mr. Coit is received with many thanks for your attention in the business. I post-

poned writing you an answer till this Morning hoping Mr. Webb would be home from Boston, but he has not yet arrived. Was in hopes to have procured those articles at least some cheaper. They still appear to me to be very unreasonably high considering the scarcity of hard Cash. The Chairs we will have, but as for the other articles it will make no material difference whether we answer you now or by next opportunity which cannot be long first. If we can procure them *Cheaper* we *shall*, and I think we *can*, unless Mahogany is much dearer than I am aware. Huntington has rather raised the price of Bureaus. I understood you he asked £7 for one swell'd and trimmed. £6 is certainly higher for a plain one without trimmings. You shall hear more from me soon on this business. When do you bring up Mother Huntington and Sister Hannah? we have been encouraged to hope such an event would have taken place before now, do not disapoint us. I should have sent you the salmon by Carew but he did not come up farther than Middleton. Should be glad of the rum and salt as soon as you can make it convenient. You did not mention any thing about the Sugar, by which I suppose your vessel has not arrived or if arrived has Bro't you Money. Mr. Broom mentioned the matter from you of Rareripe Onions. I have very few of them now worth sending. I believe you mistook me with regard to this first Crop. I do not recollect ever having mentioned to you that I had any of them. The 2d Crop I shall have in plenty and they shall be much at your service.

I want to talk politicks a little but have not time. I begin to fear the D——l will catch us after all and by means of the Cursed illicit trade.* Our own people begin to get into it, and some few with us openly justify the trade. Is there no way to check it and to make it unpopular Good people here are greatly alarmed at it. Pray make my [love] to Sister and tell her our gardens look finely and ask her to come and see Wethersfield for her health remember me to

*See *History of Norwich*, Caulkins, 398.

all my other good friends with you and believe me to be as ever your obliged and affectionate Bro'r

JOHN CHESTER

P. S. Mr. Coit informs me that Nevins's Beaver is come. I wish you to hurry him to make my hat. I am not ansious to have it extraordinary deep in the crown as I have cut off my hair tho I should like it pretty deep, and made in fashion, and pretty stiff. pray make him put in genuine stuff and make it so as to last forever, for I shall never be able to Buy another.

I delivered you at your house last March 1 Guina 28/ 1 Dollar 6/ £1:14:0

I now send per Mr. Coit 1 Guinea 27/ 2 Crowns and 1 Dollar 19/4 . . . all . 2: 6:4

£4: 0:4

ROBERT MORRIS TO THOMAS MUMFORD.

Marine Office PHILADELPHIA July 12th 1782.

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 17th June and have been waiting for Captain Barrys return to reply to it.

I am much pleased with the attention which you have shewn in furnishing Supplies for the Alliance* but am sorry that your advances on that account should have occasioned the Distress which you complain of. I have paid your draft in favour of Captain Barry for eight Hundred dollars and with this you will receive a remittance from the Paymaster of Five thousand Dollars in my notes on Mr. Swanwick which Mr. Merrill will take up by giving Money for them agreeable to my request contained in the inclosed Letter.

As a Sufficient Number of Men have been sent on from this place to complete the Compliment of the Alliance there will be nothing to prevent her sailing after Captain Barrys Arrival, therefore you will be able to close your Accounts of Supplies which I request you will do and transmit to me

*Continental frigate, John Barry, captain.

with proper Vouchers both of Payment and Delivery which are necessary and I shall immediately afterwards remit you the balance. I am Sir Your ob't humble Serv't

ROB'T MORRIS.

P. S. Since writing the foregoing I have received your letter of the 1st instant in which you advise having drawn in favour of Major Peirce Butler for thirteen hundred and Ninety Nine Dollars and ⅓ which I shall pay, altho I do not approve of bills being drawn upon me in that way. I wish you had mentioned the Amount of your advances as captain Barry cannot give me any information on that point and for that reason my present remittance is made by guess.

I am led to think from the complaints in your letter that it is not Agreeable to you to do the business of the Public Ships. I should be glad to have your Sentiments on that head. R. M.

BENJAMIN HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

PHILADELPHIA July 13th 1782.

Sir

I Rec'd of Letter and Papers Inclosed and laid the Same before a very Canded Committee who Reported that as the Account appeared to be settled by Col Trumbull the same be laid on the Table, which indeed was the fate I expected it would meet with. Congress in the year 1780 on a Long Debate Refused to Reconsider Accounts, once settled in Continental Money upon Principle that a Debt being once extinguished by Payment with Consent of the Party no further Demand in Law or Equity could Remain, and furthermore that a Reconsideration of Matters of that Kind would be nedless and Impossible Another Difficulty in your Case is that Congress cannot settle with Individuals who Contracted with the Heads, or agents of the Several Departments this would likewise be an Endless Business. It is a great Pity your Account is Closed in the manner it is. By the Resolves of Congress* of the 26th of August 1780,

* See *Journals of Congress*, VI. 175; VII. 55, 102.

16th of March and 22d of May 1781 Rules are Given for Settling with the Creditors of the United States for Supplies furnished the Army. If Col Trumbull has it in his Power he will certainly make the Just Allowance.

No public News of Importance but what appears in the Papers.

Congress are informed that the Interest of Continental Loans can no longer be Paid in France the Holders of Certificates in this City have met and Petitioned that another mode of Payment may be Provided and that the Interest of Monies Loaned since the first of March 1778 may be also Paid. The Matter is yet in Agitation. I am with Esteem your Friend and Most Hum'e Serv't

BENJ. HUNTINGTON.

[Superscribed] Mr. Andrew Huntington, Norwich. Per B Huntington.

EDWARD HALLAM & COMPANY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London Sept. 9. 1782.

Sir,

do you want a Hogshead Rum @ 6/ per Gal. at proof, to pay in Oyl @ 4/. per Gall. if so you may send us enough for a Hogshead. we have frequently exchanged on them Terms. a line on the Subject will oblige Your H'ble Serv'ts

EDW'D HALLAM & Co.

JOSEPH ANTHONY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Philadelphia 9th October 1782.

Worthy and Dear Sir,

It is with Infinite pleasure I Imbrace the Earliest oppertunity to acquaint you of my Safe Arival with my affectionate Famaly, (who I found all well),—and to thank you for your kind attention and Very Polite Treatment while I was with you at Norwich. Assure yourself I have a grateful Sense of it, and that whenever Business or pleasure shall cause you, or your Friends to Travel this way, it will

afford me Particular Satisfaction to Return the favours. The Trade of this place has met with many severe Strokes, tho some Vessels have Arriv'd Lately, and a Number at Baltimore, which Raises our Drooping Spirits a little. we have Not given over the hopes of peace, but are Confident it will take place in the Course of the winter, as I have it from *pritty good authority* that the Negotiation is Still going on, and we momently Expect to hear of the Evacuation of Charles Town. perhaps they may Totally abandon the Continent before winter. these Reports, and Expectations, throws Commerce into great Confution, and obliges us to Deal with precaution in all things. Enclosed you have the most Correct price Current we can at this time furnish, as things dont Continue the Same for three days together. I should be happy to hear from you when you have Leasure, and opportunity offers, and if you have no fixed Conections in this place, we should think it an Honour to be favour'd with a Correspondence, and Doubt not but in some future day some plan may be adopted and pursued to our mutual Emolument; the one you was mentioning we think would be a good one, and we have known it pursu'd to great advantage. this Comes by Jesse Brown who is frequently passing between here and your place that we can Easily make you acquainted, with all matters of Consequence that Transpire in this Quarter. Mr. Hewes (with Whom I am Conected) Desires to present his Respects to you tho unknown,—he is a gentleman of Establishd and Respectable Charecter and great goodness of heart. I could wish you to be fully Inform'd of our Standing and Credit in this City, when I Doubt Not but you would be Convinced that we have it in our Power to do you or your friends as much Service and Justice as any house here.

We wish not a Very Extensive Conection, but a few that are good in Each State, and hope to be no further known than Respected. Please to present my most affectionate Regards to your Amiable Lady and Darling Daughter,* with all your agreable and Extensive Conections.

*Elizabeth, 1774-1812, only child of Joshua Huntington.

pardon this Incorrect Scrawl, wrote in hast as I have Just heard of the Conveyance, and believe me with Sentiments of the Highest Esteem, your affectionate, much obliged friend, and Very Humble Servant,

JOSEPH ANTHONY.

EDWARD HALLAM & COMPANY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London Nov'r 6. 1782.

Sir,

we have in our Custody some White, and some brown Havannah Sugars in Boxes of about 3½c. and 4c. Weight, also some Good Rock Salt, and we would be glad to Exchange with you for Oyl at the following prices, Vizt. Brown Sugar fifteen Galls. Oyl per Hundred, White Sugar Twenty Galls. per Hundred, Salt Six Galls. per Bushell, the West India Goods delivered at New London. If you could send us Eight or Ten Barrells or less, in a few Days we would Exchange on the above Terms. please to advise us on the Subject. Your Hbe. Serv'ts

EDW'D HALLAM & Co.

SILAS GOODELL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Camp Continental Village, Nov'r 11th 1782.

Dear Sir,

as the army has ben in the field this Campain and are now retireing to winter Quarters without Effecting any advantage against the Enemy the Summer past the Infantry are Incamped at this place the 1st Brigade is at West point the 2d Brig'd is in the Highlands, the Massachusetts Line and New York Line and Jersey Troops are to Hutt above New Windsor the Rhode Island Regiment and Colo. Sheldons Core are to winter in Albany would Inform you that the Conn't Line is Reduced to three Rigiments. Colo. Swift* Colo. S. Webb Colo. Butler are to Com'd the three

* Heman Swift, Samuel B. Webb, Zebulon Butler, Jonathan Johnson, Ebenezer Huntington, Ebenezer Gray, Benjamin Throop, David Smith, John Palsgrave Wyllys.

Regiments the Lt. Colo. are Johnson Huntington and Gray the Majors are Throop Smith and Wyllys.

the army is Reduced to a Small Number and if they Recive no pay at the Close of this Campain it is Expected Desertions will be very frequent the army well Supplied with provisions and Cloathing but no pay this year the officers have Received three Months pay in Notes on the Pay Master Gen'l but all this was Expended for Cloathing.

what method to take for Cash I no not if the first Note is paid would be much obliged to you to Send me part of the money. would not wish you to Send any Cash without you have Received it from the State, as I have Rec'd So many favours of this kind that I would not have you put your Self to any trouble about the matter.

the Gentlemen of your acquaintance in the army make their most Respectfull Compliments.

I Should be very happy in Seeing you and your family but my Circumstances will not permit. am with Greatest Respect your most obed't Hum'e Serv't

S. GOODELL.

EXPERIENCE STORRS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

MANSFIELD the 8th December 1782.

Dear Sir

I was Yesterday Informed that You had Sent for my Brother in Law Capt. Huntingtons * Son Hezekiah to come and Live with You. it inkindled in my Mind a most pleasing Satisfaction that your humanity, known to me ever Since our intimate Acquaintance had extended to that Distrest Family. The mallencolly Shades, he Capt. Huntington has left behind, is better pictured in Idea, than Described by Pen. You Knew the Man you knew his Abilities and Qualifications to Serve both the Publick and himself, the former of which has ben his pursuit with Integrity and to the Publicks Advantage for years before his Death. He had

*Huntington, Jabez (1738-82), son of Jabez and Sarah (Wetmore). He graduated at Yale in 1758, and served as deputy in the General Assembly 1770-78. His sister, Lucy, married Colonel Experience Storrs (1734-1801.)

the Fortune of begining the World with a handsome Intrest; but the Misfortune of Setting out in the World without the Salutary Advise of a Father. To his first Setting out in the World perhaps may be Atributed a Series of misfortunes to his Intrest, which Still hang upon it, and I conclude will Render the Same Insolvent. I was with him in his Sicknes and at the Time he breathed his Last, his Disorder deprived him of his Reason, So that he was onely the Specktacle of his Friends and a Distrest Family to Shower down there Tears around him. A large Family of Small Children most of them to Young to be Sensable of their Loss presented to me a most gloomy Prospect. If I could forget the Friendship of a worthy Man and his extensive usefullnes to the Publick I could not forget *them*. A croud of Refletions like these Urge my most Sincere Thanks to You my dear Friend that you have at this Seasonable Time taken one from among them a promising Youth, to be under your Care and prudent Direction. Accept of my and my Partners Thanks for this friendly and humane Tendernes exercised toward a Distrest Family. With the highest Esteem and Respect I have the honour to be your most obediant humble Serv't

EXP'R STORRS.

THOMAS MUMFORD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Saturday Evening 1st Feb'y 1783.

Dear Sir,

The Resolve of Assembly admitting Mr. Smiths goods from New-York Occations much Speculation. the agents for Brig. Marquis are both at New London endeavouring to send her into the Sound after said goods as they dont return hope they Succeed. please inform me if any thing New respecting them is agitated in the Assembly. if you have any inteligence of Consequence please inform me, if you bro't any Letter for me please Send it per Boy the Bearer and Oblige D'r S'r Your most obed't Serv't

THOS. MUMFORD.

THOMAS MUMFORD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich, 5th February 1783.

Dear Sir

As it's probable we may have Occation of attorneys in this State respecting the Prize, I think it advisable to send an express and Engage Pierpoint Edwards and Doct'r Johnson, no time is to be Lost, unless you Can find they have engaged them, which I dont See you Can attain to, if they Shou'd even Say they had perhaps it may not be so, if they have Retained all others of Consequence perhaps it may be well to engage Mr. Chandler of Woodstock. Let me know your Sentiments and Oblige Dear Sir Your very affect.

THOS. MUMFORD.

P. S. please send my Boy the Bearer Back early in the morning. desire Capt. Fosdick to send me all my Letters and Newspapers that Came per Boston Post. T. M.

THOMAS MUMFORD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich 6th February 1783.

Dear Sir,

My son returned Last Evening, he Says the Inhabitants of Rhode Island State are universally against the Conduct of Capt. Angell* in Stewart's Brig't the authority of that State sent the Sheriff to Demand our Prize which is Libel'd there, and will undoubtedly demand her here of this State. Mr. Rodman Tarried behind to have the matter put in a right Channell, will probably be at home to morrow if not this Evening. The Captain of our Prize now on Board our Privateer Says there is goods on Board Said Prize not belonging to Mr. Smith, which may probably be known by the marks. This gives me reason to Suppose there was goods Likewise on Board the Sloop that Came into new London not the property of Mr. Smith.

we think a particular Acct. shou'd be taken of all the goods on Board the Prize Libelled at Newport, and proper

* Angell, James. See, *Records of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations*, IX. 635.

Invoice of them made out. Caution is necessary in respect to Storing of them and whose Care they are put in. if in yours a proper Guard is necessary as I expect they will endeavour to force the goods Clandestanely from us, my Son wou'd attend you but is unable to Ride occation'd by more than one Hundred Boyls breaking out upon him. your prudence will direct you how to proceed in which I shall heartily acquiese. I am D'r S'r Your very affect.

THOS. MUMFORD.

THOMAS MUMFORD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Friday Morn'g 7 February 1783

Dear Sir,

Your favour per Mr. Edgcomb the Bearer I rec'd at nine o'clock Last Evening, in an Hour after he arrived I dispatched an Express to Charles C. Chandler Esq'r of Woodstock Stating in some degree Our Case and requested his imediate attendance, hope he will be here in all this day, and with you to morrow. I think we must act with Caution, and believe you were right not to demand the Prize. hope when Mr. Chandler arrives he will be able to give you every necessary advice, as Soon as Mr. Rodman gets home you shall either see or hear from him and know the State of matters at Rhode Island. I will Let Mrs. Huntington know you are necessarily detained. I dont wonder Smith and Deshon are Chagrined, believe they will be more so. if money is wanted in your department Let me know and I will forward the needfull. I am D'r S'r Your Real and Affect.

THOS. MUMFORD.

N. B. we paid Mr. Edgcomb this Express five Dollars.

T. M.

[Superscribed] Colo. Joshua Huntington, Merch't, now at New London. Per Mr. Edgcomb return'g Express.

GUY RICHARDS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London March 15th 1783.

Dear Sir

I now send you per Colver the ps. Serge you Chose, and the M'y for what I keep as per Acct. below, with 1/ more for over Measure in the Frize. Sir Y'r Very Hum'e Serv't

GUY RICHARDS.

4 yds. Frize @ 8/2 .	£1.12.8
8¼ yds. Serge 6/10 .	2.16.4½
Over Measure in Frize	1.–
	£4.10.–

Send 15 Dollars.

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Wethersfield 21st March A. D. 1783.

Dear Brother

I wish you now to send for the Corn I gave you some encouragement to send you some time since, for really if you do not soon it will be gone past redemption. If you have a vessel coming I will thank you to notice Mr. Coit or Howland of it and they will send me some sugars. And if you could also at the same time forward me a little rum it would oblige me.

How stand the Smithites and Anti Smithites with you. The impudent dog is writing sarcasms on the Mumfordites to his friends in this quarter. I am sorry to find that people trade with him so freely, even those that are against him. If all were of my mind he would keep his goods for I would sooner wear Ruffles without any shirt (like an honest Frenchman) than buy one of him or of any one who bought of him. Perhaps I c[arry] it too far, but I am not convinced of it yet. The measure of [ ]mitting him has given universal uneasiness throughout all the Western Towns. Town Meetings have been conveened in consequence and spirited resolutions entered into. This must

jolt some folks out of the Saddle. I am anxious for fear the right will not come in. O. W——t is much talked of in N Haven County I hear, and S Hun——n and R L——w as 2d in Command.* If there must be a Change I like the above proposal. N Haven swear that Sugar Bille shall not be G——r——. I Wish he had been a Smithite.

I was pleased to see the Orthodoxy of our Bro'r Eben on his return. He had like to have got himself into sundry scrapes on acct. of his Zeal ag't Smith.

Bro'r Jed writes me of a terrible conspiracy lately detected and suppressed in Camp, and set on foot by some Officers, scattering papers shewing their belief that the Country determined not to do justice to the Army and proposing very rash and unjustifiable measures for Redress. The Commander in Chief was amazingly agitated. But by his spirited Exertions joined with those of the General and field Officers the direful plot was overthrown. We must do the Army justice. Mr. Morris's* Resignation I fear will be attended with terrible Consequences. We do not support him as we ought, nor any of our public servants. Our Constitution wants Energy and unless it soon has it we shall inevitably sink into Anarchy. From your Affectionate Bro'r

J. CHESTER.

Mrs. Chester Wonders I will venture to write so much Treason as she Calls it. Pray burn it s[oon as] read.

March 22d. Since Writing the within have Rec'd your favor of 14 Inst. Will do the needful with Colo. Belden and thank you too For he has owed me this 10 Years and I cannot get pay. The Circle with us desire Love etc. to those with you. Have enclosed Felix Huntingtons Bill the same you sent me not a Copy.

as before

JOHN CHESTER.

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* Oliver Wolcott (?), Samuel Huntington (?), Richard Law (?).

* Morris, Robert, 1734-1806, financier of the Revolution. He did not leave office until November 1, 1784.

ELISHA LATHROP, JR., TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

GRENADA July 20th 1783.

To Owners of Sloop Lydia

Gentlemen

You have undoubtedly heard that the Day I left New London I was oblig'd to Anchor in the Sound, as it died Calm; next Morning I proceeded to Sea, Wind at S. S. W., and on the 11th Inst. after a Passage of 26 Days I arriv'd here, my Horses in good Order (Circumstances considered) but their Provender nearly all expended. I found the Island under French Government; but in daily expectation of being Altered, which lessened the demand for Horses, as a great Number of the French are preparing to quit the Island, and are selling off their Horses, and Since the Peace Horses have arriv'd from England for almost every Estate on the Island. From those Circumstances, having but 2½ Bundles Hay, and Hurricane Months very nigh, I thought it not best to attempt to retail them, and am confirm'd in my Opinion, as the Gentleman who bo't them has expended all the Hay and Oats and sold but 2 Horses. I sold my Horses at eighty two Dollars a Head; But my Inboard Cargo is in no demand, as Crops are over, and the Island full of Lumber and provisions. Capt. Bishop in a Ship from New Haven sold his Cargo consisting of ab't 100 Thousand Hoops and Staves here for eight Dollars per M. and sail'd but a Day or two before my arrival; others have sold as low as 50/. but I have sold my staves (to a Capt. of a Ship for Dunnage) for twelve Dollars per M. and last Evening sold my Hoops at Nine Dollars, hav'g never before had more than 36/ offered. My Fish are still on hand; but the Man who bo't the Horses has engag'd to take them off my Hands at some Rate or other. Rum is here at 3/ and a Joe for the Cask, Sugar from 40 to 45/, Molasses has been at ⅓, but there is none to be had, Coffee at 16 to 18 sols Cocoa @ 12 sols, Cotton @ 2/. I shall take the principal part Rum, tho' expect to take some Sugar and some Coffe. I have fill'd my White Oak Water Casks (those that wou'd do) with Rum which will be a saving. The Duties

here I am told is about 10/. on a Hhd. Rum and 40/. on a Hhd. Sugar which is very high I have now twenty one Hhds. Rum on board for the Owners, and expect to receive the rest of my Cargo and Sail in two or three Days, if I meet with no disappointment; but I have thoughts of touching at Bermuda, as it will be very little out of my Way, and I have certain Accounts from there that Rum was at a Dollar by the Hhd. a very little time ago. If I can get ¾ of that Price shall think best to sell; at any Rate shall not stay there more than two or three Days, and hope my Speculation will meet with your Approbation. As to the Sloop she leak'd very much on the Passage; but is very tight since we got the Cargo out; We have not discover'd her to be one of the first three for sailing owing (I believe) to her not being in trim. But her motion in a Sea peculiarly favorable to the Sails, Rigging, and Stock, I never saw a Cargo less bruis'd or Chaf'd; she is very stiff Steers and works well, and is a very good Vessel. There is a prospect of a very fine Crop next Year, as it Rains almost continually. had it been otherwise I shou'd been ready to sail by this time. There is no News here, and I have no more to write, save to wish you better success in future, and to tell you that I am with Sentiments of the greatest Esteem and Respect Gentlemen Your most obed't Serv't

ELISHA LATHROP Jun'r.

CHARLES CHURCH CHANDLER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Woodstock July 25th 1783.

Dear Sir,

Cap. William Lyon of Woodstock, has a Brother, by the Name of Sylvanus, who formerly lived with Mrs. Huntington's Father, who is now in New York, and by some unaccountable Misfortune is confind in the Provo' (as the Report is) for passing counterfeit Mony. Cap. Lyon wishes you to be so good as to send to New York the first Opportunity to make Inquiry about the Matter, and to Send him an Account of the Particulars as soon as you can, and for your Trouble herein he will see you rewarded, also wishes

your kind offices in saving for him any Effects of his Brothers in your Hands, if you have any. I have not time to mend my Pen. we are all hearty, and send our best Regards to you and Family. from your assured friend

CH. CH. CHANDLER.

JAMES STANLEY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WETHERSFIELD Sept'm 20 1783.

Sir,

Wish to Inform you that the Honorable Superior Court at their last Session at Hartford, made an Appointment of the following Gentlemen, Viz. Gen'ls James Wadsworth of Durham Col'n Joshua Huntington of Norwich, and Perpoint Edwards Esq'r of New Haven to determing a Controversy between Stephen Mix Mitchell Esq'r and James Stanley Both of Withersfield. I am Sir your Hble Serv't

JAMES STANLEY.

N. B. it has bin propossd by the contending parties to have the Arbitration held at this Town sometime in the Month of Dec'm Next if it be agreable to the Gentlemen Arbitrators, and as you are Seperate wish to get your Minds upon it. a Line from you sir will oblige. Hble,

J. STANLEY.

PETER COLT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

HARTFORD Oct. 10, 1783.

Sir,

Your fav'r of the 6th is before me. I should have answered it by the bearer; but a few hours after it came to hand I rec'd a message from Capt. Burnham, to meet him at Middletown the next Morning.

I had proposed to load the Ship with Wheat and Flour for England; but the late Proclimations of the British King renders such a Measure unadvisable. I know of no other voyage that we can now make, but that of a load of Seed and Lumber to Ireland; with Some Pot and Pearl Ashes if they can be had. with this view I have directed Capt.

Burnham to reserve for you 700 Bush. Salt, which you will please send for and Exchange for Seed. we give measure for measure here—suppose you can get it on as good Terms; perhaps better. I shall depend on your geting Cask for your Seed, and having it cleaned fit for shiping. I wish to know if you can engage more cask; and on what Terms you can get Seed Cleaned and put in order for Shiping, supposing it should be shiped to you from hence in bulk. please be particular in this Matter. If you can procure more seed than 700 Bush'l I wish you to send and get more Salt; but not otherways, as the salt will command seed here. you will please secure all the pot and pearl ashes you can for me.

If your health will permit, pray go down and see Burnham, and determin on the mode of altering the Ships Deck etc; and see if its necessary to close up her Ports with Plank. If corking them in, and covering them with Canviss would answer, it might save great part of the Expence of altering her; and should she go to Ireland and take a load of Passengers for America, it would be very convenient having her ports to open in good weather.

I am in treaty with a Gen'n from Phil'a to sell or charter the ship; but as its very uncertain whether he will come to my Terms, I must request your going on with your Matters as if no such thing was in agitation. as soon as Capt. Burnham sends me the Dimentions of the Deck, shall get the plank sawed by hand and ship them to you.

The Inclosed Letter you will please forward.

Accept my Congratulations on your recovery. I am Sir Your most ob. serv't

P. COLT.

ELISHA LATHROP,, JR. TO THOMAS FANNING.

PHILADELPHIA Sunday Oct'r 12th 1783.

Owners Sloop Lydia,

Gentlemen,

This informs you that I left New York this Day Week, and had a pleasant Passage, at 10 o'Clock Tuesday Night I

Anchor'd about 28 Miles below this City, same Night came on a very violent Gale from E. N. E. to N. E. which continued all next Day and most of the Night. however we rode it out without receiving any other Damage than Standing our small Cable, so that it must be spliced. The next Day we arriv'd here; but found that Mr. Tracy had purchased no Salt, as I order'd him to purchase Rock-Salt, which he cou'd not find in the City; but I have been able to purchase about 500 bushels Turks-Island Salt at 2/3 and the remainder of my Cargo of St. Ubes Salt at 2/4, it is a little finer Grain than Turks-Island; but much whiter and is prefer'd here to all other Salt for curing Pork or Beef. I have taken on board about 1000 Bushels yesterday, and shall take the rest tomorrow Morning and go down the River in the Afternoon Wind and Weather permitting; imagine I shall be able to carry about 1600 bush'ls for Cargo. Capt. Wattles arrived in the Bay before I did and in coming up I saw him aground on a Shoal call'd the Cross-Ledge, it being young Flood and the Brig upright I expected he wou'd get off soon; but hearing he had met with misfortune I call'd on Messrs. Marshalls Yesterday to inform them of it, who had just rec'd a Line from Capt. Wattles which they read to me, he writes that by the Fault of the Pilot he had been run aground, in getting off lost one of his Anchors, afterwards drove from the other Anchor, cut away his Masts, the Brig struck, he soon found 3 feet Water in her hold, it was (I think) about 15 Hours before they got her free; but that he had since got into Reede Island with all hands on board and 2½ feet Water in his hold, and requests Craft to take out part of his Cargo which he thinks is not damaged. they were immediately going to send to his relief. You'll please inform his Owners to whom I shou'd have wrote, but Messrs. M's told me they shou'd write them immediately. Min heer Van Berkel the Dutch Ambassador is Arriv'd in the River in a Sixty Four Gun Ship, attended by a Frig't and Sloop of War, a Fifty which sail'd with them is not yet arriv'd, and his highness has not Landed. The Congress have fix'd their permenent residence

at or near Trenton, New Jersey engag'g to build them a House, which is not very pleasing to this City. The sloop seems to be much tighter than last Voyage. I am Gentlemen Your most obed't Serv't

ELISHA LATHORP JUN'R.

P. S. please let Mrs. Lathrop know my Situation, for as I expect to be at home soon shall not write her this time. Yours as above, E. L.

There is (I am told) 9 Sail Vessels a Shore at Cape Henlopen dismasted and most of them will likely be lost, two more on Cape May gone all to Pieces.

[Superscribed] Mr. THOMAS FANNING, Merchant, Norwich, Care of Messrs. Saltonstall & Mumford, New York.

SILAS GOODELL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Sir

I am now Going to leave the Town and your Famely would tak this method to bid you farewell tho with the Greatest Reluctance.

would oserve at the beginning of the War, I was Introduc'd into the army as an officer by your Influence and have ben Respected by the Gentlemen of this place as being one of your Famely and Shall Ever Consider my Self under the Greatest Obligations to you.

I am Sensible that your Views were not Lucrative when your Hous has ben my Home Ever Since the war without any Expence.

would further observe that it was not in my Power to Continued in Service without your assistance in Cash as I have often Experienc'd your Goodness in porticular.

S. GOODELL.

[Indorsed] Silas Goodell Letter no Date.

JOHN WETHERED TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Sir

in May Seventy five, I sent two Trunks and a Case, with a Vast Quantity of Ladys Aparel, Sheets, Counterpins,

a Carpit a Looking Glass etc. to a Verry Considerable Value, in them, under Care of Major Frazer, who was then Forwarding the Tents to New York. he then had the Care of all the Stores hear. they were Directed to the Care of General Mifflin. the Major lately told me he tho't it Verry probable they might still be laying in Your store what makes me more Anzious I had taken my Family Pictures out of the Frames with King Chas. 2ds and Sent in the Cloathes that they might be preserved, they were all taken by Sir Godphry Nellor, they are of great Value to me and no other person. should they be in Your Neighbourhood, you w'd readily discover it by those Valuable Paintings. should they, or any of them, be in Your Store, I begg the Favour of You to Send an Express to Providence and lodge a few lines with Mr. Jno. Inman, now at a Mr. Chase's House. I Expect to be at Providence on Sunday or Monday at Furthest. Should you not be able to give any light in the Matter at pres't but from Enquiry hereafter make any discovery, pray Direct to the Care of Murry, Samson & Co'py of New York, or Leroy(?) Hollingsworth, of Philad'a.

I begg You to Excuse the Liberty I have taken, as the property is of much Consequence. I have the Honour to be Sir Your Most Obed't Hub. Serv't

JOHN WETHERED
of New Castle, on Deliware.

BENJAMIN LEDYARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York Oct'r 18, 1783.

Sir

After Eight tedious Years, spent in War and Husbandry, from public and private necessities, in Exile, painful tho patiently boren, I have once more the long hoped for happiness of a Restoration to peace and home in N York, prepared for that Business that I was early taught and that is most agreeable to me. Of this I take the earliest oppertunity to Inform my Friends, Offer my Service, and Request their commands.

I am now in possession of Mr. Peter Vandervoorts House and Stores, Noted, Spacious, and convenient for every kind of Business: and as my prinsaple object (at least at present) is the Commission business, they will be devoted to that use chiefly. The plan on which I mean to do Business now, will be the same that was persued by Mr. Vandervort and myself before the War (to witt) 2½ per Ct. for American and 5 per Ct. for European Business, and in the meantime I will endeavour as fast as possable, to reduce all other charges, that are yet too high here. My connections and acquaintance with this City and the Country adjacent, will give me a material advantage, both in the Sales of foreign Goods and purchase of our Staples etc.

Any Business you will please commit, or recommend to my charge, you may depend shall be executed with every mark of attention and exertion for your, or your Friends Interest. I am, with much Esteem and Respect Sir Your Most Obed't Serv't

BEN LEDYARD.
No. 172, Queen Street.

Part II

Correspondence of
Gen. Jedediah Huntington
(and other members of the
huntington family)

1758-1789

HUNTINGTON PAPERS.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

CANTERBURY July 7th 1758

Hond sir

I now Joyfully Imbrace this Opportunity of Informing you, (After Expressing my Duty to you and Mammy, and Love to Brothers & sisters) I am well, as I hope these few Imperfect Lines may find you. Sir I wrote you a Letter By Phins Tracy this week, but fear it has not arrived, I would Inform you I should Be Glad to Come on Saturday, or if it will better suit on Mondy, or tuesday, as Mr Cogswell is going to fishers Island Next week. Sir be pleasd to Inform me by a Letter by Mr Huntington. I have no news at present worth your Notice but Remain your Obedt son

JEDH HUNTINGTON

P script I wrote a letter to Mr Perkins this Morning

[Superscribed] To JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esqr at Norwich

Saml Huntington Esqr

[Indorsed] Jedd Huntington Letter July 1758

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE Sepr 28th 1759

Honod Parent

I Rec'd your Letter of the 5th Instt by which I Learn the Family are well I hope this may find still remaining So I am very well & am well Contented with my present Situation, with the Family, Chambermate, Tutor, Laws of the College; Our Restations are no ways hard, nor Do I go of many Errands, I have Advise my Chest is Come to Boston Design there to Day. I have not been there Since the week you Left Boston. what News, you have in the Paper,

I Shall write by all Opportunitys, Daily Expecting to hear the welfare of y^e^ Family than which nothing will be more rejoycing to your Ever Submissive Son

JED HUNTINGTON

P Script M^r^ Leonard make the Orations this Year Boston Friday

Since I have Come to Boston I find M^r^ Mason has rec^d^ a Letter & forwar'd Last Night to Cambridge I Expect to Receive it Soon. I want One or two Common Napkins —— there is 41 in y^e^ Class.

[Superscribed] For JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^r^ Merchant in Norwich Conn^t^ ℔ Favour of M^r^ Wheat

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE Study Cham^r^ Oct^r^ 6^th^ 1759

Hono^d^ Father Sir

I have rec'd your Letters of 5^th^ & 19^th^ Inst^s^, since which have wrote you of y^e^ 28^th^ ℔ M^r^ Wheet, & since that have rec'd your third Letter ℔ M^r^ Hunt & am glad to hear the Family are well, As (thro' Divine Goodness) I am. I have rec'd my Chest & all in it Safe. My Love & Duty to my Mother, Grandmother, Uncle & all friends Especialy my thanks to my Brother Andrew for his Letter I should have wrote to him now had I time, I hope my Neglect will not hinder his Embracing Every Opportunity I shall Expect to hear from you Soon, which is the most agreeable to your Dutifull & Obsiquous Son

JED^H^ HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq Merchant in Norwich

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE Nov^r^ 19^th^ 1758

Hono^d^ Parent

These Come to Let you I am well hope they may find you & Family so, I hav'nt heard from Home this Sometime hope to hear Soon as I shall Look very hard for

you or my Uncle, down this week or Next, & Likewise Brother Andrew, I shall not Enlarge further at this Time But to Give my Duty to you & my Mother & Love to Brothers & Sisters I End your Ever Dutifull Son

JED HUNTINGTON

P S. I rec^{d} a Letter from Uncle Zech^{h} & from M^{r} Perkins & Bro^{r} Andrew which were very Agreeable to me at that Time

[Superscribed] To JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^{r} Merchant in Norwich Connecticutt ℔ favour of M^{r} Eliott

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE Dec^{r} 1st 1759

Hono^{d} Parent Sir

I Rec'd your's of y^{e} 15th Nov^{r} by which I Learn y^{e} Family are well hope they are at Present, as I am. I am allowed to Come Home ab^{t} 10 Days before y^{e} Vacancy. I shall be glad to have a Horse sent ab^{t} y^{e} 20th Inst^{t}, as I shall y^{n} have Company. I Expected before this to have seen Some of y^{e} Family, hope it will not be long before I shall. Dana has been Home Sir! & Return'd, says the Small Pox is in Norwich hope not Like to spread, remain Your Humble & Ob^{t} Son JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^{r} Merchant in Norwich Connecticutt

[Indorsed] Jed: Huntington Letter 1759

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE Feb^{y} 6th 1760

Hono^{d} Sir

I have Got Safe to Cambridge & punctual to the Time, few Schoolars Come yet, Capt is arrived as you have Likely heard, is in prospect of Some Freight thou' if Bradford Who is hourly Expected, should Arrive will soon be full, M^{r} Mason advises him to Stay 'till latter End Next Week. M^{r} Mason has Advice from Champion & Hayley that they should Consign Your Goods to him hope they will soon

Arrive. I have waited upon Colo[l] Brattle & Sent him the Cheese, have Soom Hopes to Get the Rest up To Day by A Cart I have Laid in with. I have not Given the Small Cheeses to M[r] Mason As I took Out the Cheese for Colo[l] Brattle on Board had not a Good Opportunity to present them.

Hope youl Embrace Every Opportunity in writing to Me As I Shall, Interim Remain your Dutifull Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq[r] Merchant In Norwich

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE Feb[y] 23[d] 1760

Hono[d] Parent Sir

I have rec'd your Letter by M Peck & inclos'd, one To the Precedent which I sent, (as Left at the Tavern) Rather than Carry it myself, Suppose it from M[r] Williams. I made the Present, on Saturday the Same Week I Came upp, the President Returns you his thanks, thou' Conclude he will write you ℔ this Opportunity. Nothing of News But what you'l have in the Papers, which is truly very Great & Demands Our Sincere thanks. I Rejoyce to hear the Family are well as I am at Present. I shall Expect to see you Down in March & Likewise Brother Andrew. With Duty to you & my Mother I Remain your Dutifull Son.

JED HUNTINGTON

Sir Hope you will Inform me by Every Opportunity of the Welfare of the Family which is the Greatest Satisfaction I Receive

P S[t] We have a Report that Gov Pownall is Recal'd to Carolina & one —— Barnard in his Room

Likewise that 200,000 Ster[g] is Granted these Governments for 1759

[Superscribed] JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq[r] Merchant In Norwich ℔ Favour M[r] Peck

[Indorsed] Jed: Huntington Feb[y] 1760

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE Ap^{l} 25th 1760

Hono^{d} Parent

This Comes with a Letter from the President which I hope will Come Safe. I Should have wrote you ab^{t} a Chamber &c But suppose my Uncle Can Inform better than I Can Write. Hunt has mov'd into Colledge and I have taken one Blowers of Boston for my Chambermate. We have a New Tutor Chuse M^{r} Thayer in the Room of M^{r} Jackson ordain'd at Brocklyn, as to News You have in the papers my Love to my Mother & Grandmother and Remain your Ever Ob^{t} Son

JED HUNTINGTON

I Find the want of a Desk very much

M^{r} Stedman where my Uncle Lodg'd in Cambridge has given me one dark Brownish wide Ribb'd Stocking and a Little Scrue Box which I suppose to be Andrew's

[Superscribed] For JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^{r} Merchant In Norwich To the Care of M^{r} Jon^{h} Mason

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Ap 1760

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE June 26th 1760

Hon^{d} Sir

I rec^{d} your's of the 9th of this Month by which I find you've Returnd from the Assembly well, and that the Family (which I am so glad to hear from alway) were all well, and Sir I Cannot but mention to you my Gratitude to my Uncle for being so good as to write me in your Absence. Last night I Rec^{d} your Letter of the 20 Inst^{t} by which you desire me to write by Cap^{t} Whiting, but as I Rec^{d} your Letter but Late Last Night and to-day being the Day before Valedictory I cou'dn^{t} go to Boston nor have any Opportunity till Saturday y^{t} I Know of am afraid Cap^{t} Whiting will be gone, but if he is hope it will soon Come to hand.

Commencment will be the 16th of next Month. I shall Come as Soon as possible after Commt; have got a good Horse engaged. the Extraordinary good News we have from Quebec, you'll have fuller in the Paper than I Can write nothing else remarkable. this from your Obt & Humble son

JED HUNTINGTON

P St I am much oblig'd to Bror Andrew for his Letter, but ha'd nt Time to write to him.

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esqr Merchant In Norwich

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Boston July 4th 1760

Hon'd Sir

I find this Letter which I wrote some Time since not yet gone. I now conclude to send by Post not having Other Opportunity; Nothing especial to write you, have Exchanged that Province Note in my Hands for Money. I Remain your most Obedient & Humble servt

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esqr Merchant In Norwich

[Indorsed] Jed: Huntington June & July 1760

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge Sepr 1st 1760

Honod Parent Sir

These may Satisfy I am well. I have mov'd from Deacon Whitemore's to Mr Prentices & find things aggreable. I've bou't Desk & want a Teakettle but Can do without sometime if Should have Opportunity of Sending down as you talkd some of Sending Some Cheeses. I've nothing Remarkable to Inform you off. hope Uncle Zech: has got Home safe. I Can't send a List of those Books I talk of till abt Week. I shall be glad to hear if the Goods are

arrived safe. Mr Marsh takes the Freshman Class which Consists of about 40 in Number. from your Dutifull son

JED HUNTINGTON

Duty to my Mother & GrandMother Colo[l] Brattle & Family are well

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esq[r] Merchant in Norwich

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Sep[r] 1760

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Boston Nov[r] 22[d] 1760

Hono[d] Sir

I've Rec[d] your's by M[r] Perkins & am Glad you & Family are well. I am oblig'd to you for that Praucation Needfull in all Cases, Especially in that Case I had no Reason think twou'd spread since I desired it might not.

Nothing new a[t] present.

I Can Come Home Latter End of Dec[r] thou Vacancy is not till 5 of Jan[y] Except your willing I should stay the Vacancy in Boston.

Pynchon a Clasmate is Left Colledge

Fashham Clasmate is dead

Healthy in General at Colledge

from your Ob[t] son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esq[r] Merchant In Norwich P Favour of M[r] Perkins

[Indorsed] Jed' Huntington Nov[r] 1760

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge Sep[r] 23[d] 1760

Hono[d] Sir

I Wrote you a Letter some time ago, since which rec[d] your's of the 13 ins[t] by M[r] Mottly Am Glad to hear the Family are well. I have Nothing remarkable to Inform you off Except the News which is off so great Consequence y[t] by this Time Every One has heard of it & which gives

Every One reason for thankfullness & Gratitude. I shall be Glad to hear Who suceeds the Vacant Place in the Nomination for Assistants.

My Duty & Love to my Mother & brothers & Sisters I Remain with Great Respect

your humble son
JED HUNTINGTON

Please to Excuse my Grat Hurry

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esq^{r} Merchant In Norwich.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge Feb^{y} 25th 1761

Hono^{d} Sir

These Comes hope they may find you & Family well as they Leave me. I havn't heard from Home since I Come down.

hope soon to have a Letter. Nothing new to write you, but y^{e} Small Pox has broke out Severall Times Lately & without Doubt in everyones Opinion is Likely to spread, if there is 7 or 8 more break out the Town will have Liberty to inoculate, which they in General desire, if they do the Colledge will be dismissd at once, if so you'l write me sir ab^{t} Coming Home or Staying here & having it, they will Carry on inoculation after the best Manner, I shall wait your Pleasure & Next Opportunity.

M^{r} Cummins is to be Install'd this day

This is all at present from your dutifull son
JED HUNTINGTON

The inclos^{d} is a Letter for my Mother & Sister

[Superscribed] For Jabez Huntington Esq^{r} Merchant In Norwich

[Indorsed] Jed^{h} Huntington Feb^{y} 1761

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Hono^{d} Sir

I've just rec^{d} three Letters from you & Joy to hear y^{e} Family are well, am Sorry for y^{e} Loss y^{e} Company has met

with in Capt Perkins, but sir as we are all thoro'ly Sensible yt divine Providence disposes of all things for our best good I hope we may not lay this Temporall Loss too much at Heart, but study ye will of God herein & make due Improvement, of all his Despensations, for whoever allows ye existence of a divine being & the future State of Rewards & Punishments, must act very absurd to Judge a Mans Merits by his Successes. Nothing less yn infinite Wisdom Can have an absolute Command ov'r Fortune. the highest Degree of Wisdom yt Man Can have is by no means equall to foresee what future Events may happen in ye Prosecution of Business, to aim at what is most likely to succed & follow closely ye Dictates of Human Prudence & trust to a higher being ye Event, becomes a Christian & here arises great Cause for Contentment, since man is so short sighted, yt there is a beng of Excellent Goodness & Wisdom on who we may rely as to ye Disposal of All things & to whom we Look for Patienc in Adversity, a good Use of Prosperity, yt in all things we may look to ye Glory of God & our final Happiness.

Nothing New to write you at present, hope you'l Embrace all Opportunity of writing to me, who remain your obliged & Dutifull son

JED HUNTINGTON

the Earthquake which we felt Here thursday abt 2 o'Clock (A M) I suppose you felt.

My Duty to my Mother Love to Brother & sisters.

Cambridge 14 March 1761

[Indorsed] Jedd Huntington March 1761

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge March 27th 1761.

Honod Sir

I Recd your Letter ℔ Jo Winship but was not at Home when he was here, so I wrote a Letter & Sent to Boston to forward before he Came on his Return, & his great Hurry yn prevented my writing again by him I hope yt With ys will arrive soon & Safe

I have one or two Charges against me which I didnt think of When at Home, should be glad if you Coud send ℔ any good Conveyance any time within these Six Weeks abt ten or twelve Dollars, which will add one more to ye many Obligations You have already bound your ever obt son

JED HUNTINGTON

P S. you gave no Accot of a Letter I wrote you before I Recd yours hope yt also has got Home

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esqr Merchant In Norwich

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge Apr 24th 1761.

Honod Sir

I Recd Your Favour per Capt Winship, & should write only he told me he shou'd nt return thro' Cambridge, hope you've rec'd Letter I sent to Boston to be forwd.

I've nothing of News to write, but wish you may have Success in your Business which affords Me great Satisfaction & hope ys Essay may find you well & All the Family which affords a much greater Satisfaction to your humble & dutifull Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Please to give my Duty & Love to my Mother & Grandmother

[Indorsed] Jedd Huntington Ap 1761

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Boston July 20th 1761

Honod Sir

I Recd your Favour ℔ Mr Mason & the Money & shall act according to your Orders I am sorry you Cant come down at Commencment. Colol Brattle & his Lady ar going to Martha Vinyard abt Commt if you Shou'd'nt Come down, as he has often asked me wether you designed to

Come if so (he said) he sho'd put off his intended Journey, I Can now Satisfy him about it.

nothing New but Remain your

obliged Obed^{t} Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^{r} Merchant In Norwich ℔ favour M^{r} Lord

[Indorsed] Jed^{h} Huntington . July 1761

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE Sep'r 5: 1761

Hono^{d} Sir

I hope this may find you well & my Mother & Brother after your Journey, that it may have the intended Effect on her State of Health.

theres nothing occur'd to write off since you left Cambridge, Except Several fine Showers of Rain which has Refresh'd the Earth exceedingly.

M^{r} Hancock takes the Freshmans Class which Consists of fifty Nine at Last being Sev^{l} entered since Vacancy hope you'll Embrace Every Opportunities to write me as I Shall to write Home

I Remain your ob^{t} son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Sep^{r} 1761

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE Sep^{r}

Hono^{d} Father

In my last Letter I wrote you I wish'd you well Home But had'nt the Pleasure to hear of it But aggravated with the Sorrowful News that my Uncle Zech^{h} Huntington is no more. An Accident so alarming almost o'er Came me, but the more I think of it the more am I afflicted, as I view it attended with very aggravated Circumstances upon Every Reflection of my Uncle when Alive.

When I Reflect upon the Pleasure & Delight I tooke in his Company and Conversation & when I Reflect upon the Pleasure he took in giving his Advice to me, wherin he always seemed interested in my Welfare, I Cant think of parting with him, but I must, & Gods will be Done My Sorrow alone is not my only Care, but sir I am griev^{d} for you who have lost so Loving a Brother & so sincere a Friend one who Loved you as a Brother ought & Studied your Welfare, as 'twas so nearly Connected with his own. My Loss & your Loss are both my Affliction & how Shall I bear it without the most pungent Grief & Sorrow for my Sin & Wickedness, & I pray to God I may look on these Dispensations as Tokens of his Displeasure.

Had his State in Life been but ordinary & his Person no way allyd by Kindred, his Death ought to be a warning to me; but when his State in Life was such as gave the most promising Hopes of his being happy as this world Coud make him, who was likely to Enjoy a Great Share of Worldly Goods, as well as high in the Esteem Of all who were acquainted with him: who was likely to be of Great Use & Service in the Society of People where he belongd, under all these Circumstances what A Striking Instance is this of the frailty of things below & the incertanty of the most promising thing; may we Realize these things well, & morn for our sins, which have brought these Afflictions upon us, Nature Demand that we shoud sorrow for such Losses, nor is it Contrary to Religion & the fear of God; but let our Sorrow be not too Great least we argue a Distrust in God who is able to do abundantly for him. I urge this because I'm afraid you will take this Loss too heavy upon you.

Althou' sir I'm surrounded with Gay Company & the Delights of Life Yet sir I'm not so brutal as to look upon this Instance of Gods Displeasure without regarding it, but far from that I see from whence it Comes & pray for his Assistance that I may make a Good Improvment of the Same; may his Mercies and Afflictions work me to a Re-

pentance which throu' the Interest of Jesus Christ I beg for your Prayers that I may obtain from your obt son

JEDD HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Mr Jabez Huntington Esqr Merchant In Norwich

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Sepr 1761

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge Octor 14th 1761.

Honord Sir

I've Recd four Letters from you since I've Recd any Acot of two Letters I've wrote you, hope you've Recd them all by this. In you last you inform'd me of my Sisters Death, which very much Shockd me as it added to the Great Affliction I was under on my Uncles Death. Both which under so many Circumstances, are Repeated and awakning Instances of the Frailty & uncertainty of all things here below, and ought to be looked on by us so nearly concernd by Kindred and Affection, as earnest Calls of God for Repentance and Preperation for his Will and Pleasure, whenever it be his will to Call Us out of this World.

I beg for your Prayers for my Good Improvment of these Dispensations of God; My Love and Duty to yourself & my Mother I Remain with tenderest

Affection your obt & dutifull son

JEDD HUNTINGTON

P S. I Recd the Books you sent me

[Indorsed] Jedh Huntington Octor 1761

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge Novr 18th 1761

Honod Sir

I hav'nt Recd any Letters from you some Time hope this may find you safe arriv'd from Court. I've wrote Home since you've been gone but have had no Letters since Uncle Bill was so good as to Call upon me but had'nt Time

to write by him, there is nothing Remarkable to write you of at present.

Mr Perkins told me that Capt Hall (I think) was coming down, by whom I desired my Brother (in my Letter to him,) that he would if conveneant send my Books If its aggreable I Can get leave to Come Home ten Days before the Vacancy which begins the first Wednesday in January I shall wait your Letter about it this with my Duty to my Mother is all at present from your obedt son

JED HUNTINGTON

P S. [ ] had considerable of bad Cold but am better

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esqr Merchant In Norwich

[Indorsed] Jedh Huntington Novr 1761

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge Decr 1st 1761.

I Recd your's dated Novr 16th by which find you sent a Barrel of Cheeses, by Capt Hall, who is arriv'd, shall go down to Boston next Fryday to see about them, I wrote you In my last about the Time of my coming Home, which will be 10 Days before the Vacancy which begins the first Wednesday in January so it brings it down to 28th inst. Shall want about 30, or 40, Dollars when you send the Horse down at the Vacancy Nothing new at present, to write off, so hope this may find you, & Family all well as it leaves your dutifull son

JEDH HUNTINGTON

P. S. the Season with Us is extraordinary pleasant and warm, which gives Hopes the winter Stocks will not be wanting as was fear'd

Our thansgiving is Thursday 3d inst

Deacon Whittemores Wife (where I us'd to live) is dead.

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esqr Merchant In Norwich

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Decr 1761

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

CAMBRIDGE Feby 19th 1763

Hon'd Sir

The Special Business of this Letter (After sending my Duty Duly to You) is to Inform you of Some Hostilities that have been carrying on in my Absence, of which I shall Give a Detail as far as I Can Judge from Effects. A Number of Rats of the largest Size (Several of which I have seen) have made an Open & free passage throu' the Sealing & wainscot into my Study, and I Conclude in the first Place devoured a Quantity of fine Shagbarks I had which stood in a Cask, & After their Subsistance faild here, they knawed a Hole (as hard as it Wass) in three Different Corners of the Lower Draw of my Desk where were a few more Nuts & four dirty shirts All which they have intirely consumed & Destroyed Save the Sleeves of one of the Shirts & Ruffles of another, there was a p Long Trousers here But as they were Coarse & Clean they did'nt suit so well as what they found in the next Draw to which they proceded by squeezing their Way throu' a Narrow Vacancy between the End of the lower Draw & the Back of the Desk; here, two Dirty Necks & an old Hair Bag happily Saved a Clean Shirt & Number of Clean Stockings from the like Sad Misfortune of falling a Prey to such ravenous Captors, this Save Eating a few Pairs in the third & Some Quils in the fourth Draw (for they wan't satisfied till they had seen the End on't) wass All the Mischief they did, & All they shall Do if my Greatest Asseduity Can prevent thir further Excursions, how ever fruitless my first Attempt proved, Exasperated at my Loss I went directly & Got me a Cat, well recommended for my Purpose who wass by Coaxing & feeding Contented to stay with me 'till about Midnight she waked me by a Great Noise at the Window But it soon Ceased & I went to sleep Again, in the Morning I found she had Broke two Quarrys of Glass, Jumped out of the Window & Gone off where I don't know As the little Service she did me I thou't did not Require my farther Care about Her. I have Now two Traps which I Hope in a Little While will

Make My Encroachers pay Dear for their Conquests I shall make do About Shirts 'till I Come Up, I Hope Peter is safe Arrived & the Family All well I Remain your Dutifull son

JED^{H} HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Jed H Feb^{y} 1763

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich May 13th 1763

Hon'd Sir

This Comes with my Mother's Love and My Duty to you, hope it may find you well As it leaves the Family, My Mother is very comfortable Indeed; there is Nothing By Post M^{r} Ebenezer Huntington has purchas'd Part of the Vessel He talk'd of and intends for Sea next Week; Capt Perkins & Chester sail'd Yesterday. I have Concluded to Stay 'till Next Monday week [ ] not longer, which is the Needfull from sir

your Obed^{t} son

JED HUNTINGTON

Saturday 14th

Hon^{d} Sir

I Rec^{d} your Note and accordingly apply'd to M^{r} Huntington for the Copys, he tells Me I must get the original Letter of M^{r} Andrew Waterman as there is no Record of it, I shall Get it as soon as I Can Send to Him & Hope to have an Opportunity By Middle Next Week to inclose them to you this Comes By M^{r} Sam^{l} Huntington which is the

Needfull from your Dutifull Son

JED HUNTINGTON

May 16th

I have sent to M^{r} Andrew Waterman to send the Letter of Administration to Esq^{r} Isaac's to have the Copies according to your Desire and Expect to have them ready to send By M^{r} Azariah Lothrop who Comes to Hartford Wednesday next.

Peabody Sets out Wednesday for Boston & since you Left Norwich Miss Grant has died Sally Trapp is at the Point of Death, as also Noah Smith's Wife. Except these tis a General Time of Health in the Town.

My Mother is very Comfortable which is the Necessary from your dutifull Son

JED HUNTINGTON

I had forgot to tell you that Capt Whiting and Mr Cleaveland remain much the Same, Capt Whiting If any thing alter'd, Seems to be Better

[Superscribed] To JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esqr Hartford ℔ Favour of Mr Huntington

[Indorsed] Jed H Letter May 1763

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Colledge 16th June 1763

Hon'd Sir

I Arrived Safe at Cambridge Wednesday 5 o'Clock. Hope you have returnd well from the Assembly and found the Family well I have not as yet been call'd to Account for my Absence. As I have Nothing But My own Opinion to sett Bounds to My Expences at Commentt Shall Be Glad of Your Judgment in the Affair for I am Sure you will not be more pleas'd in thinking Me prudent than I shall to have you think So. My Customory Bills will amount to abt 22£ Making & Trimming of My Cloaths; Printing theses; the Presidents Demand; a Present to Parson Appleton; Something to the Poor of the Class, and other Necessaries will amount to 13£ or there abouts, what you Give to the Presidents Besides his Demand and what you'll Give to D Kneeland leave for you to write Me, I have Recd the Barrel from Hammocks, If you Can let Boston Come Down at Commentt he will Be very Serviceable to Me, which are the Needfull from Your Obedt Son

JEDH HUNTINGTON

I put Champion & Hayleys Letter in Smith for London who wass to Sail 4th Inst

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

7th July 1763

Hond Sir

I Recd yours of 1st Instt By which find you've not rec'd mine of By Mr Mumford of 29th ulti As to more Money shall Be glad of 20£ L My But Submit to your Dictates in All Things I Hope 'ere this your Vessells have arrivd or at least Some Good Account from them

I Remain your
Obliged and Obedt son
JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esqr In Norwich
[Indorsed] Jed Huntington 1763

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octo 17. 1763.

Hono'd Sir

I take the first Occasion of Letting you know of ye Family's Welfare, Shall be Glad to hear of your's. Winship is to the Landing with his Vessell. arrived here Yesterday; Chester is below the Barr and Expect will take in his Stock in ye End of this Week or beginning of Next. Colver will fall down to the Bar Tuesday No Money Come in. Mr I. Lothrop Call on Me in two Days After you wass Gone for the Borrowed Money. Goods from London not Arrived, have wrote to Mr Livingston for a Chest of Tea on Two Months Credit as we have But a few Pound Left. Flax-seed Continues at 2 for 1 But Comes to Us Slow As Yet. Expect to have Enou' to pay for Tea and shipped before two Months, Fulton* I Suppose Saild Yesterday or Day Before as he had a Good Wind for it thou' if he has not Sail'd twill not be the first fair Wind he has lost Since he took in his Stock; have Lent Mr Leffingwell 117£ 1761 on them Conditions. I Can think of Nothing further that is Needfull to write. But Remain your Obedient Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Octor 1763

*? Hutton.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Cape Ann Sandy Bay

Hono^d Sir

this Comes by M^r Smith with whom I Arrived here the Sunday after I Left you all well, found Cap^t Colver very ill with the Colick & M^r Williams just Recovering, the Brig is Got off and Her keel and Holes in the Bilge thou much worse than wass represented to You are however Mended, and shall Tomorrow take in Her salt of which I believe there is ab^t 1000 Bushell some think there is 12 or 1500. I wish it May turn out so. I Expect to sell a few Hogsheads of it for Codfish As I imagine it will Turn to your Advantage Considering the Quantity of Salt you have by you and are Like to Have. Cap^t Colver whose Indisposition wass much Heightened by Malancholy soon Revived After Our Arrival Here and is Now Quite well; Fobes has been sick, But Now better Totman too has been ill But Got well. this Day they finish Her sails which were torn, and wore, But not so much But that they will serve Another Voyage, Except a Topsail which she will want New. I Hope she will be Ready to sail by sunday next and as 'Tis possible she may Touch in at Boston By Contrary Winds I have wrote to M^r Mason to ship our Riggen By Him and for a Box or two pipes which we Want and Gave Colver Money to Buy a Barrel or two of Pitch and some Turpentine if to Be had Cheap, some Hingham Pails &c. If so Be he is not Detained thereby; and Gave Him Leave to Tarry a Week or 10 Days if He has the Assurance of any Considerable Freight to New London But of this He is to advise with M^r Mason & M^r Benj Clark as also of Clearance &C. He wass obliged to enter his Vessel & Cargo at Salem or else to Risque y^e Forfeiture of a hundred pounds sterling for Braking Bulk Before he made Reports. you will Doubtless think it Hard, But the Character of the M^r* in the Opinion of Gentlemen Here sufficiently Excuses the ungenerous Treatment. Colver will take a Coasters Permit so he will have No Charges if Stops at Boston. when I Get to Bos-

* First written, "Collector Mr Cockle."

ton if the Brig shoud be there I shall put on Board some things which we want just to supply the shop till the Goods Can Arrive from London I Beg you will not Be Concerned about my Catching the small Pox for I shall not Run the Least Risque As I am Determin^{d} not to Go Near it by any Means whatever. its most Likely I shall Be at Home Tuesday or Wednesday next, what to do about the Horse I don't know, But tis Best you Keep Him 'till I Return. if you wonder at our Delay when you know what the Place & the People are you will Cease Wondring. I Long to Return, for here we are secluded from all Convers with the Rest of the World. I Can't Compute the Cost I shall be at But I Hope it will not Be much Beyond your Expectation: & thou' if it wass not for the Tides we Coud do Nothing yet they are a Great Hindrance and one or the other of them take off half the Day. the small Pox is in what they Call the Town of Cape Ann and has been very Mortal so much as to Destroy Every one that has had it yet, But that is five Miles from the Place we are in.

This is all I Can think of Needfull to write &
Remain Y^{r} Dutifull Son
JED HUNTINGTON

Wednesday Night 29th Feb^{y} 1764

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Letter from Capan February 1764

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge March 7. 1764

Hon^{d} Sir

I arrived here from Cape Ann Monday Night & should have set out for Norwich a Tuesday But a severe snow storm prevented, in the mean while I wass informed of a very Good Opportunity to Be inoculated and so have Concluded to have the small Pox with the Advise of my Friends hereabouts and hope it will not be disagreable to you. I have a fine Room in a private Family with Every Convenience and am under the Care of Doctors Lord & Church, I have pro-

cured a Gown & other Cloaths so that I shall not expose any that I bring home and the same will Be Ready for my Brother if you think proper to Let Him Come, I shall take the infection next Monday and expect by the Blessing of God to be Home in three Weeks from that Time. the inclosed is a Recpt for Adgates Horse, I Coud'nt settle with him about ye Hire He Charged Me /5d ℔ Mile I offered Him /3d and so Left Him. I took every Means to Buy Him But Coud'nt

from your obedt son
JED HUNTINGTON

P. S. 13th instant I Recd ye Innoculation Sunday Morning Last

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esqr In Norwich ℔ favour Mr Greenleaf

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON'S RECEIPT.

Cape Ann March 3d 1764

Recd Mr Josiah Cheevers By the Hand of Mr Jabez Adgate a small Black Mare hired By said Adgate for to Ride from Cape Ann to Norwich which Mare I promise to see forth Coming to Mr Cheevers in one Month from this Date in as Good Condition as when Recd By Adgate (it Being done for My Use ℔ Me

Jed Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

May 23d 1764

Hond Sir

After my Duty to You this serves to inform you our Family are well except my Brother Andrew Who is much poorer than wass Represented to Us however we hope he's Recovering thou' But slowly. he got Home Last Fryday night & sott out from Boston the Sunday preceding.

Fanning is Arrived & Capt Whiting come with Him. We have heard from Winship. No News of Colver, No

Letters of Consequence come to Hand, in Expectation of your Being at Home soon I think of Nothing More to write But Remain your ever Dutifull son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Jed H Letters Apr & May 1764

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Boston Apl 5th 1765

Hond Sir

the Gentleman who offerd the Bil as ℔ my other Letter is unable to draw the Money out of the hands of Devonshire and Reeve, So am dissapointed as to that. doubt not from Mr Clarks encouragement Shall be able to Get another in a few days, at worst I can buy of the Treasury at 35 ℔ Ct. I have purchased all the Hempseed I can find in the Town which is only three Bushell at the extravagant Price of 32s/L My ℔ Bushell one half of which is for Eleazer Waterman the Remainder you may Sell to any one as you please, it is of the best kind. Capt Patten Gave Me the inclosed Note and desires you to do the Best you can for him in getting the same Settled.

I shall (I Believe) Get a Barber to come and take Adgates Shop, he is of a Sober, Good Character understands making Wiggs dressing Hair and shaving in the best Manner he has a Wife and one Child. I have promised to procure him a Place to live in, he is content with only one Single Room, twoud not be amiss to hire Adgates Shop for him to work in, this Man is very easy to deal with and Gives very good Reasons for leaving this Town he tells me he has only but about 20£ sterling a year from all his Custom and Great Part of that is not paid when due to him and out of that Small Sum he Give £5 6 8 L My for the Rent of a Small Shop about 10 foot on the ground and 8 foot high

the needfull from
your dutifull Son
JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Jed H Letter Apl 1765

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH May 13th 1765

Hond Sir

you might have imagined Some or other Important Occurrance in Business or Life had I not improved this Convyance by Mr Bread to let you know I have Nothing to write to you about Save that we are all well. I have bought Adgates Shop. Jo Williams has applied to me to buy his Boy this day I offerd him to Give up his Note and Give him £12 in Cash upon his Giving me a Bill of Sail, and a Quit Claim from Colo Lothrop. Elihu Hide and Wentworth began this day to lay the foundation for my Chimneyes Lamb comes in a Day or two and Mr Billy Lothrop has made another Appointment to come which is next Monday. the Joyners finish Gales shop tomorrow. no Letters by last post.

I am your dutifull Son
JED HUNTINGTON

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH May 16th 1765
Thursday 5 O'Clock P. M.

Hond Sir

I think it wass last Tuesday Afternoon I recd by Mr Hart a Line or two of your Writing about Samuel Gustin of Lyme and about ten Minutes ago yours of 11th Inst came to hand directing in the affair but (as it happened) I took exactly the same Methods upon receiving yours by Mr Hart as what you have pointed out in this Letter and Mr Wetmore went this Forenoon to transact the Business. Joseph Williams' two Negros fall into your hands. I have advanced 12 pounds in Cash to Mr Eliot delivd him up his Note and Gave him an Order on Mess D & Jos Lothrop for 11 pounds odd shillings. ye Negro Boy is at our House and the Girl with Williams, both are posted to be sold in 20 days. have Recd on Accts more than pd away £8 2 11. have Catchd Jonathan Baker and for the Want of Something better, have

got Moses Pierces Note pay[bl] with Int[st] next Christmass for Sum. Pierce Sails today or Tomorrow

Fryday 17[th] No Letters by Post

Saturday 18[th] this leaves us all well at home

and me your dutifull son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Jed H Letter May 1765

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH May 27.

Hon[d] Sir

I Rec[d] yours ℔ M[r] Samuel Huntington Suppose by this Time you have mine of last Week Accquainting you of Andrews State and that of Business, and of which I have Nothing now to add; Andrew is better than when I wrote you, But as I expect Doctor Lothrop will Visit him and so can better Inform you about him than any thing I can Say, I shall add no more, in expectation of your Returning Soon.

No Letters of importance come to hand. Little Business. Less Money. I have sent you By this favourable Opp[y] of Doctor Lothrop the Little Old Dates we have collected in shop since your Depart[e] amounting to £6.12.9. Principle, I wish it was more. S. W. has been here and with the Greatest Assurance told Me he had paid that Money to M[r] Mason on which I Rested easy untill I heard a different Acc[t] from M[r] Mason

I am your dutifull Son

JED HUNTINGTON

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

LEBANON Ap[l], 10, 1766

Hon[d] Sir

I have seen Websters Horse and offerd him 18 pounds if he Can discount So as to suit you he does not acept, but I believe he will offer him to you, We have Agreed on all Hands to the Marriage between Faithy and myself being consummated the Week before you Go to Assembly and we

Shall be publish'd here next Sunday* I have accordingly inclosed a publishment which please to send to Parson Lord against next Sunday. I am extremly dissappointed by the Rain am in eager Expectation of Better Weather. I am Sir

your dutifull Son
JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esqr In Norwich

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich May 18 1767

Hond Sir

The Goods are not yet arrived nor any Acco of ym, Pierce is this Day beginning to take in for Hallifax. I sent Mr Peck to Scotland & Canada &C for Cows & Calves who returned without any Success he however bout 6 oxen that will do for the Brig. Capt Jared Tracy came to see us yesterday from Newport, he sailed from N London last fryday & found his Vessell so crank at Sea that he put into Newport. he returned to Newport last night with Mr Abbott to bring back some Part of his Oxen this is all the News. We hear the Governs & Council stand the same. our families are all well

from your dutifull son
JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Letter May 1767

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich May 16 1768

Honod Sir

I had a Letter by Last Post from Bristol dated Jany 27 with a postscript of the 15 Feby which says "the London Packett is arrived at Waterford" I take it to be in ye South Part of Ireland. As there is no mention of our Letters for Insurance I conclude it is saved. Another Letter from

* He married Faith, daughter of Gov. Jonathan Trumbull, Sr.

Chester I suppose Bro^{r} will write you of the Contents, thou' nothing very material that I remember, I forget the Date of it, he had bought Twenty & odd Cask Molasses intended to buy 'till he had lay^{d} out his Light Money and then return Home. We have put Adington up for Boston. Our Families are well, Kelley is got Home. Price Current of Tea Rum &C continues. Little Trade and less Money I remain

your dutifull Son
JED HUNTINGTON

Remember us to Father Trumbull
We hear there is no Alteration in Gov^{rs} & Council
[Superscribed] To Hono^{ble} JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^{r} at Hartford ℔ favour S. Huntington Esq
[Indorsed] Jed Huntingtons Letter May 1768

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH June 7 1768

Hono^{d} Sir

This comes by M^{r} Hawkins. We hear that Capt Perkins is in at S^{t} Kitts. Cattle high. Allen expected to sail from Bristol, I forget whether I wrote you this or not. Carew is Loading for Hallifax. We want you at Home much. Chester is in with upward of one hund Cask Molasses as this will reach but a Little Time before you will likely return I need not add (only that we are all well & were dissapointed in not seeing you last Saturday) I remain

your dutifull
JED HUNTINGTON

Timothy Clark Lebanon has put himself in Goal his Creditors are attaching his Estate perhaps You will think it best to leave one for him when You are returning he owes You ab^{t} £10 L My by Book
[Superscribed] To The Hon^{ble} JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq in Hartford ℔ M^{r} Hawkins
[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Letter 1768 June

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH Octo 17 1768

Hond Sir

This leaves us all well. Tracy not arrived nor our long expected Whiting We hear he intends to come away with his Vessell and leave his Wines. I have wrote to Mr Sam[l] Fitch to know the Reason of this Delay. Wattles will depart Tuesday he takes in more than we calculated. Adangton we intend shall sail for Hallifax by the beginning of next Week. 1½ Bushell Salt for 1 Bus Flaxseed is the current Exchange. Your People give 1¼ for 1 and get considerable. I wonder we heard not from Chester by Capt Davis in at York who left the Downs 42 Day after Chester sailed. my Man Charles is come to us from Quebec by Land as well pleased with his Return as ever he wass with his Departure. Capt Jedediah Perkins wass burried yesterday. I am

your very Affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Carew is takeing in for York

[Superscribed] To the Hono JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq New Haven

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Letter Oct[r] 1768

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

May 12 1769

Hond Sir

this leaves our Families and Friends all well. I have no domestick News to write you. the publick Intelligences you have as soon as we. It gives us Satisfaction to hear there is no Alteration in the Governours & Council as it yealds a strong Evidence of the Steadiness & Prudence of the major Part of the Colony. Wattles wass spoke at Sea a few Day ago

I Remain your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Letter May 1769

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octo, 16, 1769

Hond Sir

This brings you Tidings of Health from our Families (throu ye Blessing of Heaven) We hope it may meet you enjoying that enestimable Good. there is no remarkable News with us but what is from the Papers. As to Business, there are no Letters to hand. I can hardly excuse Fanning for not sailing with so fine a Wind as they had last Fryday, perhaps he has a Reason that will justify him. I wass able to obtain Mr Kirtlands Bill which together with yours is I suppose now in Boston. upon a Conference with Mr Hubbard we conclude to give 1 & ¾ of *any* Salt for 1 of Flaxseed I believe ye exchange will rest there. there were in but few Teams ye last Week, perhaps we got hold of 120 Bushell or more. You observe in ye York paper yt Wheat, Flower and West Ind: Rum are risen. As to the Article of Rum this is its Period of rising, what Cause to assign for that of Wheat I do'nt know, Allen is a little better. Mr Josh: Lothrops Wife has a fine Boy. my Wife & Son still complain but I think are better yn when you left us. pray Give our dutifull Respects & Compliments to Father & Bror Trumbull. Polly Trumbull is now with us & left their Family well Saturday. Some of these Things are scarcely worth a Place in a Letter to you otherwise than they may be, among weightier Concerns, some little Amusement & agreable Avocation I shall improve every Opportunity to write to you of our Welfare and of any Occurence deserving Notice in mean Time remain (sollicitous of Knowing what Events may take Place at ye Assembly) your Affectionate & Dutifull Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Letter Sept 1769

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich May 13 1771

Honod Sir

the Day after you left us the long expected Ship arrived from London, she brings no News, your Goods are

principly come, all of mine, & about half of Brothers, the remainder of yours & his are to come soon via Boston we did not get any of ye Goods into Shop 'till Saturday afternoon; Aderton did not get full untill Saturday when he wass ordered away, I am jealous he is not gone. Mothers Sore throat is no better, & I find the Doctor does not make so light of it as she expected he would thou I believe he does not think it very dangerous & she wass at Meeting Yesterday, my Lameness remains in Statu quo. we have the Pleasure to hear that Election stands as last year except that Mr Woolcot comes into ye Vacancy. We shall look for you next Saturday. Our Duty & Love to Father Trumbull, yourself & Capt Trumbull

I remain

Your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To The Honoble Jabez Huntington Esq
Hartford ℔ favour S: Huntington Esqr
[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Letter May 1771

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich May 29 1771

Hond Sir

This comes by ye revd Mr Howe, who preached with us last Sunday & a Lecture Yesterday, both as far as I can hear to general Acceptance, the Commee he tells me have invited him to come again but he does not Know whether he can before Commencement, I hope however he will. We have a Letter from Chester dated 17 March he wass then in Cork as he had been for 5 Weeks detained by contrary Winds he arrived there in 6 Weeks. our Families are much as when you left us, hope you will be at Home this Week

I remain

Your dutifull & affect Son

JED HUNTINGTON

P S. Niles is ready this day to go down the River
[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Letter May 1771

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octo 12 1771

Hono^d Sir

Since you left us Adarton has arrived & brout us all about 60 Quintle Fish from Esq^r Perkins. & about 70 for you on y^e Sloops acc^o we have not got hold of his accounts so as to inform you what Success he has had. we have a Letter from Tracy dated 29 Aug: at Grenada where he arrived in 32 days sold his oxen a £15 & nothing else sold. Markett very dull Rum a 2/6 & Scarce. you have likely Seen y^e Acc^o in the Paper (both N York & New London) of Cap^t Abel's Misfortune We have Letters to hand from Cork & Bristol. the Seed averaged at 49/2. Remittance made to M^r Jones y^e 4^th Aug: the goods I ordered from Bristol are arrived at Boston I shall be overrun with Nails. you have also two Cask of 4^d Nails, a parcel of Case Knives & Hatts to complete your memorandum ℔ Chester. but very little Seed as yet to Markett. no Alteration in Exchange. I am

your dutifull & affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

My Duty & Love to Father Trumbull & Bro Jos:

I understand Adarton got only 13 Dollars ℔ head for his Cattle

[Superscribed] To The Hon^ble Jabez Huntington Esq^r at New Haven ℔ Favour S. Huntington Esq^r

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Letter Oct 12 1771

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octo 21 1771

Hon^d Sir

I rec^d yours of y^e 17^th & am sorry I didnot receive it one Day sooner as I could then have immediately shiped the Nails to New Haven. I shall improve the next Opp^y I have marked them off agreable to Inv^o at foot. his Price is less than 50 per Cent the 10^s cost 4/7 for 13 ^wt. y^e 8^s cost 3/9 for 10^wt. y^e 4^s cost 1/10½. nine pence ℔ pound for

Shingle Nails is just 50 per Cent the rest you will see is less, perhaps they are higher in York now than when Mr Sherman had his acct however as I have so many Cask I had better sell a few even at the first Cost. Exchange is in general at 2 for 1 Coit will not give but 1¾ for 1. our People are impatient to know what Mr Johnson says about the Mohegan Case. Bror Ebenr is troubled with a Disorder called St Anthonys Fire. his Face is much Swelled but hope he will be better in few days the Commᵉ conclude to defer any Society Meeting respecting Mr How untill the Assembly rises.

I am your dutifull & affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Jabez Hough, Collector of the Country 2d Rate has been along with his Rate Bill the People are very generaly greatly uneasy that he takes Nothing but 7o Emission or hard Money I think it is a Pity that there should be this Occassion of disquieting the People when it must be as well for Government to have one Emission outstanding as another.

I have just recd Letter from Hayley & Hopkins advising that Chester arrived ye 28 Augt.

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3	28m	13wt	10d		364		
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							£27.17.7½

[Superscribed] To Honoble Jabez Huntington Esqr at New Haven ℔ favour Mr Howe

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Letter Oct 1771

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octo 26 1771

Honod Sir

I wrote you by Mr How since have not had any Letter from you this comes with but little material save just to acquaint you of Tracys Arrival of whom Bror Ebenr will

likely be able to give you some Particulars I am now setting out for Lebanon to bring home my wife & Son. I am your dutifull

& affectionate Son
JED HUNTINGTON

P S. we have in all perhaps 60 Cask of Seed

[Superscribed] To JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^r In New Haven ℔ M^r Eben^r Huntington

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Letter Oct 1771

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH June 1 1772

hon^d Sir

I write you because the Opportunity is so good althou' I have Nothing more to inform you of than Mr Chester would naturally say. that Negro Boston is dead. our Families all well. No News from abroad. I believe we could pick up a small Cargo for West Indies easily. hope you will find your way home this week. from

Your dutifull & affectionate
JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^r at Hartford ℔ Mr John A. Chester

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Letter June 1772

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH Jan^y 13^th 1774.

Hono^d Sir

I have this Day rec^d a Letter to you from M^r Vandervoort in Answer to Your last. he says Bills are not to be had for Love or Money. he will if possible pick up to the Amount of £200 Ster^g in our Bills, or hard Money that will answer, & send it ℔ next Opportunity. no Letters from Boston. No News from any wheres. we are all well.

from your dutifull & affectionate
JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Jan^y 1774

MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut to be conven'd at New Haven ye 2 Thursday of October next.

The Memorial of us the Subscribers, being the Delegates of the two Counties of New London & Windham, met at Norwich the 8th of Sept 1774 humbly sheweth. That whereas the Parliament of Great Britain have passed sevc-ral Acts subversive of the Liberties of this wide, extended, Continent, and the present Ministry have thought proper to enforce Obedience to those unconstitutional Acts by military Execution, by investing the Town of Boston (the Athens of New England) with a formidable Fleet, and an Army under the Command of General Gage, who is vested with both a civil & military Command, a Commission too great to be given to any Person in a free Country That the Americans should be in the power of a Lawless Army, not under the Control of the civil Magistrate, we humbly conceive is a Situation, terrible beyond Description, What subdued the Roman & Grecian Republicks, An Army not under the Control of the civil Magistrate! What Country? What State? What Kingdom has not fallen a Sacrifice to a standing Army We being extreamly apprehensive that there is just Ground to fear that we shall be under the disagreeable Necessity of defending our sacred & invaluable Rights, sword in hand, for we would not entertain a thought that any American would or possibly could be dragoond into Slavery. We therefore think it our indispensable Duty in the most pressing Manner as worthy of the greatest Attention of your Honors, that the Militia of this Colony be put upon a more respectable footing than they now stand, by revising the whole of our Militia Laws and adopt a different System especially as we have the Example of Great Britain the last War, when an Invasion from France was repeatedly threatned, we are not only threaten'd but the Capital of New England is absolutely invaded and as we may reasonably expect foreign Foe ere Long may turn their Eye & Arm against America, to gain

so very important & valuable a Territory, have therefore infinitely a greater occasion of regulating our Militia than Great Britain had, we hope & earnestly request that your Honors will agree in Sentiments with us & enact a Law similar to that of Great Britain and that five thousand Men at Least be raised, well Officer'd & in every respect well appointed. And furthermore that your Honors will be pleasd, to grant Commisions to the Officers of Artillery Companys that shall hereafter voluntarily enlist & form themselves for publick Service under proper regulations in Addition to the new proposed Regiments or in some other Way as your Honors in your Wisdom shall think proper and as in Duty bound shall ever pray*

Sep. 8th 1774

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	Cap Huntington	
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Killingworth		
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	Eben Mosely	
Lebanon	Colo Wm Williams	Joshua West Esq &
	M Jona Trumbull	
Plainfield	Doc Elisha Perkins	M Wm Robinson
Mansfield		
Pomfret	Colo Israel Putnam	Thos Williams &
	Sam Croft Esq.	

*The memorial itself, ending here, is written upon the first and a part of the second pages of a four page sheet. The date and names which follow are written, all in one handwriting, on the fourth page of the same sheet. They are not in the handwriting of William Williams, the clerk, or of Gurdon Saltonstall, the chairman of the meeting.

Coventry	M Eber Kingsbury Ephraim Root
Voluntown	Cap Isaac Gallup James Gordon Eben Dow
Ashford	Cap Elisha Wales Cap Jedediah Fay
Killingsley	Bryant Brown Wm Danielson Esq Perley How Esqr
Canterbury	M David Payne Jed Waterman & Dan Tyler Jr
Woodstock	Cap Elisha Childs Charles Chandler Esq
Union	Abner Session Esq Cap Thos Lawson

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octor 17. 1774

Hond Sir

This serves just to acquaint You that our Families are in usual Health, as to Trade, we have no Letters from abroad, & no Advice from Tracy. Wattles Brig is to go down the River Tomorrow, Horses all bought, hope to put them on board Fryday. Exchange Flaxseed for Salt 2 of ye latter for 1 of the former, but is fluctuating and uncertain as some will not give it & others now & then offer, or pretend they will give, more; Price of Seed 4/ & 4/6. but little in; Mr Ebenr Thomas Senior died yesterday with a Fever, Judge Huntington's Wife is sick with it but not dangerous. We hear from Boston that Peace is actualy made between the Russians & Turks & that no more Troops are, for the present, coming out of England for poor Boston, so it is hoped they will have a peacefull Winter at [ ] I do not know but Mr Vandervoort will choose [ ] you write him how much of the Order on Neilson is mine [ ] he will answer my Drafts in Case I shoud have Oppertunity to draw upon him

from your dutifull & affect Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[ ] order is £311:19:5¾ y. Cy

[Indorsed] Colo Jed H Letter Octor 1774

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octor 24 1774

Hond Sir

I have recd Your Favour p Mr Trumbull & Mr Townsend, wrote You by Way of Mr Chesters. since which a Letter is to hand from Mr Hayley & a Copy of one from Mr Waldo, that from Mr Hayley advises of his Partnership with Hopkins expiring soon & offers his Services &C. Capt Abbot & Daniel Leffingwell brought to our Goal the Thief who stole Capt Leffingwells Plate &c & turns out to be the notorious Joseph Brown. Our Horses will go on board Wattles Tomorrow if not this day. 2½ of Salt is now given for 1 of Flaxseed & 5/ if not more in other Things, & great Pains taken by some to get it. No Other domestick News

I remain Your dutifull & affectionate

JED HUNTINGTON

Sister Hannah was at Meeting yesterday in usual Health & Spirits

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Octor 1774

JOSHUA STARR TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London April 1775

Sir

I Resived Yours By Capt Braddick & Can Let You have Such A Mast at 8s/ Per Inch After the Mast is Maid for Pay I Take Aney thing that I can Sell to the Easter Men Again Corn or Rye Poark or Melosses will Dew at the Cash Price as I Sell Masts hear at 8/6 Per Inch & Take the Cash for the Gratter Part if You Shuld want Aney thing for Your Vessels in the Block Making I Can Suppley You & Make Mee the Same Pay As Mr Coit & Leffingwell Sum Dry Goods & Sum other Sort of Goods the Same Pay will Pay Mee As Pays Your Tradesmen and if Your farthers Vessels Shuld want I Stand Reddey to Supply them on the Termes

From Yours to serve

JOSHUA STARR

[Superscribed] To Mr Joshua Huntington Mer at Norwich

[Indorsed] Mr Joshua Starr Apl 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 14 April 1775

Hon^d Sir

I wrote You by Post since which Nothing remarkable has occurred. there are daily Flags of Truce between us & the Enemy, chiefly for the Purpose of conveying Letters, but little other Communication; Officers on both sides are much on the Reserve. We are throwing up Intrenchments from the Burying Ground near where Samuel Williams used to Live in Roxbury Street on both Sides of the Way circular to be extended to Lambs Dam on the right not far from Opposite to the George Tavern Ruins, the Ground is much above the Regular Works on the Neck, and as well calculated for our Designs as Nature could have formed it, the Works are in full View of the Enemy and as much exposed as can be but they don't think proper to give any Molestation otherways than by expressing their Displeasure in Words our Parties began the Works in the Night but they are now carrying them on in broad Day light we have been expecting Tokens of their Resentment. I understand three of my Companies are turned to New London I could wish to see them here as soon as the Safety of New London & its Environs will permit it. I am

Your dutifull & affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Jabez Huntington Esq^r

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esq^r Merchant Norwich ℔ Favour M^r Tracy

[Indorsed] Letter Colo Jed Huntington Aug^t 14 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury May 2 1775

Hon^d Sir

Doct Johnson's Ambassy to Governor Gage at this Time has altered the Countenances of the Friends of this Country, they stand amazed; Col: Spencer & others from the Colony had given the strongest Assurances that Connecticut woud

by their Conduct verify their high Professions, indeed they looked upon our Colony as the strongest Link in the Chain of our Continental Union, and New York have been the only Colony where a Defection was feared, the late Account from New York give many Hopes as to their Virtue in the Cause, but the Negotiation with which Doct: Johnson & Col: Woolcot is charged has thrown a Chagrin upon the leading Men here which they do not know how to throw off. they are so fully informed of General Gages Character that they are suprissed that any Overtures of Accomodation should be made him, there is not the least Dependence upon his Word or Honor. his Treatment of the Town of Boston is wicked infamous & base Without a Parralel. he promised the Inhabitants that they should have leave to come out of Town with their Effects provided they would leave their Arm. he has now accomplished his Purpose so far as to disarm between two & three thousand brave & resolute Men of their Means of Defence who were induced to such a Step for the Sake of their Wives & Children principally & now he is raising a thousand Obstacles in the Way of their Coming out. he now & then suffers a few to depart with a little Part of their necessary Goods. at the Rate they come since he promised they should have their Liberty they will not be all out in 12 Months. the Governour in Council has determined that Effects are Houshold Articles only. so they are forbid to bring any Valuable Goods. but Col: Spencer cannot inform You fully of every thing passing here I am

Your dutifull Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Col: Jabez Huntington

[Indorsed] Colo Jed H May 2 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

*Dear Bro*r

Please to deliver the inclosed. there are so many of our Men returning homeward that you will hear as particularly as I can write you of the Situation & Circumstances of

Things among us from Time to Time I shall probably be at Home before long

Your affect Bro^{r}
JED HUNTINGTON

Roxbury 5th May
[Superscribed] To M^{r} Joshua Huntington Merch^{t} Norwich
[Indorsed] Colo^{l} Jed Huntington Letter May 5 1775

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Wethersfield May 12. 1775

Dear Bro^{r}

I congratulate you most sincerely on your promotion to honor. Hope it will be to victory & Glory I dare say we shall have a happy season down near Boston. I wish you would contrive to be Stationed at Cambridge if Possible. I think it much the most pleasant place & best for manauevering. Pray what says our Dear Sister Hannah? I pity her, & yet I dont see but that you must go. I hear your company is near or quite full. Ours is not. we have about 36 men more to inlist. Our people seem hardly so forward as when they went before. I am attempting to get them into uniform. With my Kindest Love to yourself & Lady I Remain Your Affectionate

Brother
JOHN CHESTER

Mr J Huntington
[Superscribed] To Lieu^{t} Joshua Huntington Norwich
[Indorsed] M^{r} John Chester Letter May 12 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich May 22^{d}, 1775

Hono^{d} Sir

I came Home last Saturday from Roxbury, have Nothing to inform You of, more than what you have probably heard more directly. the Company under Major Durkee propose to set out for Camp Tomorrow. M^{r} Woodbridge is come to Hartford to sollicit for an Independent Company

to be made up out of the two Companies in the first Parrish & the Company at the Landing together with several Persons who are not obliged to Do military Duty. I think many Advantages will arise to the Community from this Institution but least any Thing on the other hand should happen from it to the Militia, I don't think it proper for me to appear much engaged in the Matter, Although I have told the Petitioners if their Prayer is granted I will do every Thing in my Power to make the new Company serviceable & reputable as far as Adroitness in the essential Parts of the military Art and Practice will render it. I am

Your dutifull & affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Please to give my Duty & Love to the Gov^{r} & Speaker & Bro^{r} Jon^{a}

JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^{r}

[Superscribed] To The Hon^{ble} JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^{r} In Hartford ℔ M^{r} Woodbridge

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington May 22 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH June 3^{d} 1775

Dear Sir,

When I saw at my Return from Camp the Condition of Sister Hannah's Health I determined to Journey with her and as every agreable Circumstance ought to attend such an Undertaking we could not but be lead to visit our Wethersfield Friends, accordingly we set out from Home the Fryday after You left us & reached Bro^{r} Chesters Saturday by Dinner. Sister was wearied the first Stage but afterwards apparently mended and I could observe from one Day to another an Alteration in her Countenance for the better, much doubtless was owing to the Ride but not a Little to the Society of her Friends who made our Stay as agreable as you can imagine. we left them the Thursday following & brout off Madam Chester & Miss Webb who intend to do us the Pleasure of tarrying with us next Week

out, Father has engaged to send some trusty Hand to escort them Home & the same Person is to bring Sister Betsey & Daughter to Norwich. You remember what was said among us about bringing the Husbands and Wives together at Dedham &C We are still talking of such an Affair & you must not be surprised to see it accomplished in two or three Weeks. I have no Domestick News to write you but that I am •

Your affectionate Brᵒʳ

JED HUNTINGTON

Remember me to all Friends

[Superscribed] To Lieutᵗ Joshua Huntington of General Putnams Regiment Cambridge ℔ Favour Mʳ Gale

[Indorsed] Coloˡ Jed Huntington Letter June 3 1775

Parole Glyn Countersin Wilkes

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich June 7th 1775

Dear Brother

you Desirᵈ me to Let your pasture to Mʳ William Hubbard & I have forgot (if you Ever told me) the price. however, he has Agreed to Improve it for the Season & says he will give as much as it is worth for any Body to Use. as to the Mowing home Lot he says he does not desire to have that untill the Hay is taken of & then he would be Glad to Buy the After feed. I wish you would write if you would have me Cut the Hay on shares, & at what Shares. or whether you would have it Cut on your Accᵗ if you would have me sell the Hay or put it into your Barn. Give my Compliments to Brother Ebenʳ & Brother Chester, Capᵗ Trumbull &C that Enquire. in haste

am your Affectionate Brother

AND HUNTINGTON

P S Sister Hannah talks of Coming to you Next week

Mʳ Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Leuᵗ Joshua Huntington at Cambridge ℔ post

[Indorsed] Mʳ Andʷ Huntington Letter June 7 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

PROVIDENCE June 13th Tuesday one of Clock 75

Hond Sir

Mr Trumbull and I and the little Party with us, are just arrived here in Health and Safety as to our Persons and Baggage but not so happy as to our Carriage. we came safe to Fisks about two Hours ago and ordered our Horses a Mess of Provender. whilst I was in the House the old Man took the Bitts out of the Span and then imprudently undertook to turn them round. the Horses finding themselves free of Restraint steped round with a quicker Pace than the old Man was aware upon which he let the Reins go out of his Hands the Horses imediately set off full Speed and run more than a Mile Homewards before they stoped by which Time they had broke the Curricle all to Pieces. Part of the Iron Work and Leather I hope to send Home by Morgan. they are collected at the House of one Lovells near Fisk's our Journey before this sad Event had been as agreable as we could wish. but adverse Scenes will have their Place amidst the Prosperous, in the Drama of this Life. it is some Consolation in the Misfortune that our Baggage and Horses are not injured but much more so that no Hurt is happened to our Persons. Father Fisk helped us to a Saddle for one of the Span upon whh Mr Trumbull mounted & left the other to follow as is his Manner. I borrowed a Pillion for my Mare which furnished Sister Hannah with a convenient Seat behind me. the other two took the Chaise. we shall hire a Chaise here and proceed this Afternoon (extraordinarie excepted) as far as Attleborough

I remain your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

I do not know what Credit my Bror Joshua is in at Camp but I find at this Place and upon the Road he has got himself much Honour from the good Order and Regularity of his Company. he is much spoken of for his good Behaviour

Mumford this Moment in from Camp and says Part of the Light Horse are arrived
[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esqr Norwich
[Indorsed] Colo Jede Huntington June 13 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich July 1st 1775

Hond Sir

Since you left Home Capt Ebenr Lothrop Junr has signified to me his Desire of a Captaincy in Case more Men should be raised and that I would make it known to some of the Members of Assembly. he has appeared to be a good Officer as far as I have been acquainted with him. Hemstead the Post Rider tells me he is employed to ride from New London to Woodstock where he waits untill another Post rides to Camp and returns. says he could as well proceed to Camp as to lay at Woodstock whilst another goes, and thinks he could do the Business better than it is now done with less Expence to Government. he says that the Man who rides from Woodstock to Camp goes to Cambridge only so that the Camp at Roxbury have no Advantage of the Communication. I am sorry General Spencer has been disobliged. hope he will not leave the Camp where I think he will do much Service

I am your dutiful & Affectionate son
JED HUNTINGTON

Love to Col: Williams & Bror Trumbull
[Indorsed] Colol Jed H July 1 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich July 1. 1775

Hond sir

I inclose You the Accounts respecting the Arms I got repaired &c. they were in the worst order when I took them in hand some of them had Nothing left but the Barrel and Part of the Lock

from your dutifull son
JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] The Hon^ble Jabez Huntington Esq^r Hartford

[Indorsed] Col^o Jed H Letter July 1 1775

PETER VANDERVOORT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York July 11^th 1775

Dear Sir

This will be handed you by two young Gent^n my Neighbours (to Witt) David Dickson & James Moore, and beg to Reccommend them to your Particular notice, they are both Acquainted with the Use of Arms & know the Millitary Exercise & may perhaps Join your Armey, Any favours shewn them will be Esteem^d as done to

Your most H Serv^t

PETER VANDERVOORT

P S Refer you to the Bearers for News

To Lieu^t Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Lieut^t Joshua Huntington At the American Camp, near Boston

[Indorsed] Peter Vandervoort July 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp at Roxbury 6 Aug 1775

Hon^d Sir

Brother Eb: will be able to give You the Reasons for his quitting his late Employment in the Army for or in Hopes of one of another Kind. Cap^t Chester tell me his Lieut or Ensign will not do to succeed Lieut Webb it is likely that Eb: will suit them for a Superior as well as any one. All Uneasiness in this Camp on Account of the continental Arrangement of General Officers is in Appearance at an End. Cap^t Trumbull is not a little concerned about Flour. he has but little of that Article by him. besides my own Company there is Major Clarks & Cap^t Humphrys within few miles of Camp and Cap^ts Jewett & Ripleys not far off and not Tents Barracks or Houses that will hold half of them, they must be lodged so far from Camp as to

make it very difficult to do Duty. Lieut[t] Kingsbury was taken sick & the Company left him at Killingsly the other Officers & the soldiers are well. there is considerable Sickness in the Camp but not many Deaths considering the Numbers of the Army. I should be glad to receive half a Dozen Cheeses if any Opportunity indeed if all the Cheeses which I have by me that are good were here they would do pretty well it is sold @ 7[d] ¼ ℔ ld (?) I wish my Commission & those for the Regiment not received might be sent to us that we may exchange them for Continental Ones.

I should be glad to have my Norwich Paper inclosed to me Weekly ℔ Post

I remain

Your dutifull & Affect[e] Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq[r] Norwich

[Indorsed] Letter from Colo Jed H Come to Hand Aug[t] 11th 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp at ROXBURY 9th August

Hon[d] Sir

Asa Chapman an Armourer in my Company has left at Home a ℔ Bellows an Anvel & two Hammers which are wanted I should be glad they might be sent ℔ first Opportunity. I am sorry to hear of the Alarm you have had at New London Norwich &c I apprehend large Quantities of Amunition will be dealt out upon the Occassion and no Use or Return made of it & here it is much wanted notwithstand[g] all that has been said about its Plentifullness hope the Ships have departed without com̄iting any Robbery. If Benj Backus takes any Paper Money of the other Colonies besides our own he had best send it to me by safe Hands that I may exchange it for our own. It is reported that Gen[l] Gage has orders to fortify Boston yet stronger, leave Men enou' to man the Works, dismantle Castle William & return to England with the Remaining Troops

but this is but Report. the News of Mobs & Comm[ ] in England &c gains some Credit here. I remain Your dutifull & affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

9th Benj writes me about Price of Bosworth & Leach's Carting. I told them the Price was 5/6 ℔ hund or 12/ ℔ bb but as Bosworth was unwilling to go at that Time & his Expences were extraordinary I do not know but he has some Plea to more I must Leave it with You to settle on the best Terms you can

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esqr Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntington Augt 9 1775
Come to hand Augt 12th

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Augt 17th 1775

Dear Brother

I have sent to your Care a half Barrel ℔ Mr Bozworth Markd $\frac{A}{B}\ \frac{H}{}$ No 1 Containing thirteen Gallons of Good Cherry Rum, should be Obliged to you to Dispose of the Same to Best Advantage, shoud think it would sell for a Dollor ℔ Gallon altogether. having Nothing Material to add as to News, would Desire Respects to Brothers, Capt Trumbull &C.

I am Sir your Affectionate Brother

AND HUNTINGTON.

Leut Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Leut Joshua Huntington att Camp in Cambridge ℔ Mr Bozworth

[Indorsed] Mr Andw Huntington Letter Augt 17 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp Aug 17 1775

Hond Sir

I recd your Favour ℔ Post. as to Tents I am pretty well supplied, since I wrote you, by Commisary Trumbull. I

am put to great difficulty as are other Officers in providing for our sick Doct Church is appointed Director General of the Hospitals, he says he will have only three of them at continental Expence of which one is in this Camp. all who have Fevers & no others are admitted into them they are now running over full many are sick in mine & other Regiments who have no Provision made for them I am procurring a few Slaubunks & Sackings for those who are the worst but it will not be expected that I lay out much without proper Orders and being assured of a Reimbursment I have been obliged to advance Money for Coal &C to set up Armourers as I could not find any one who would own it to be his Business to provide these Things Col. Parsons tells me he has done as much as he is able I trust I shall think so soon, the Command of a Regiment makes Business enou' for me without attending to that of other Departments, but I hope however that all ye Wheels of our grand Machine which is but just erected will get in to regular & harmonious Motion. As to Flour I believe Capt Trumbull begins to be less sollicitous than he has been thou' he expects near all his Supplies from Connect[t] my Salutations to all & remain Your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq[r]

[Superscribed] To JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq[r] Merchant Norwich ℔ Post

[Indorsed] Letter from Co[l] Jed H Aug[t] 17 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

ROXBURY Camp 20th Aug[st] 1775

Hon[d] Sir

This date puts me in Mind of giving in my List if you will be so good as to look into my Pocket Book in the Desk in Shop you will see what List I gave in last Year and will be able to make out one for this Year. I have your Favour of the 18th ℔ M[r] Post, if the Appointment you mention is left to General Spencer I mistrust it will go against Ebb.

but may be not. I perceive by a Letter which I saw from Bro^r Ebenezer that he Had thoughts of Kingsburys Place in my Company in Case he should fail, but that will not do. Brewster is every Way deserving of it & I would have him have it by all means. I understand the Case is different in Capt Chesters Company his under Officers are not much of military Men. however I hope L^t Kingsbury will join his Company as he is on many Accounts a very valuable man I believe it would not have been so sickly in my Regiment if the other Companies had been as prudent in marching to Camp as the Officers of my Company were they made good Speed without fatiguing the Men as they traveled mostly by Night & lay by in the Heat of the Day. Yesterday a Deserter from the Enemy swam over to our Guards he says they have a Design to throw up Works Southward of Browns House on the Neck, upon which Intelligence an extra Picquet was ordered last Night but Nothing new has happened. near half of Col: Douglas & Capt Ripleys Companies are sick, not many in any others, have only 4 in my own. Capt Ripley has lost one more his Name is Gross, he has another dangerous his Name is Woodward. M^r Fanning is apparently getting better, M^r Phin Tracy is very sick but I think not so bad as he has been, hope will do well. the four sick in my Company are Hartshorn, Edgerton, Durden Perkins & Sam^l Post who are all getting better. Doctor Church the Director General of the Hospitals told Doctor Cogswell that he & Doctor Turner should have the Direction of the Hospitals which contain the Connect^t Troops but they have Nothing to show yet. I am

Your dutifull & affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^r Norwich ℔ Favour M^r Brewster

[Indorsed] Letter from Colo^l Jed H Aug^t 20^th 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 21 Augst 1775

Hon^{d} Sir

I have your Favours of 16th & 19 inst^{t} but the Things you mention are not to hand, neither have I the Bellows &C ℔ Hovey nor Brothers Letter it is probable they are left some wheres on the Road. as to the Vacancy in Capt Chesters Company I believe by what he says that Bro^{r} Eb will be acceptable as any one out of the Company if not as agreable as either of his under Officers thou' it cant be supposed that all in the Company will be so well pleased as if they went up by Succession. I perceive Bro^{r} Eb is not so high in General Spencers Books as some others but I have not yet had Opportunity to discourse with him on the Subject. for your Sake I could wish he might be content to stay at Home but if he is determined to come into the Army I hope he will obtain the Place in Chesters Company, I dont think General Spencer would desire to point out any Man. Whatever we may think of the Enemys Backwardness to a Contest or of their Intention to evacuate their Posts our Vigilence & Preparations are not in the least remitted & I trust will not be. the Seasoning as it is called of my Regiment is coming on fast. the Hospitals provided at Continental Expence are full of Persons & Distemper, I make other Provision the best I can for my sick doubt not what I & the Doctors layout for Bedding & Necessaries for them will be refunded, I have only Doctor Turner to administer at present as both his Mates are sick but getting better I have persuaded Doctor Waldo of Coventry to stay & assist Doctor Turner untill his Mates recover upon the Promise of using my Endeavours that he has a meet Recompence. I remain

your dutifull Son
JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esq^{r} Norwich
[Indorsed] Colo^{l} Jed H Letter Aug^{t} 21^{t} 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp at Roxbury 24 Aug 75

Hond Sir

I wrote You by Mr Brewster since which have none of Your Favours. I wish the Governor & Council would authorise some one Officer or Officers or Doctors or any others to make such Provision for the distressed sick in Camp as shall be necessary from Time to Time to keep them from perishing for the Want of such Means & Helps as the most wretched of them are blessed with at Home. the Provision made at Continental Expence is nothing like adequate to what the smallest Degree of Charity & Benevolence demands. Doctor Cogswell in his great Compassion has run himself in Debt about Fifty Pounds for Necessaries for the Hospital which he could not obtain in any other Way other Doctors & Officers have done more or less in the same Way. some small Matters have been drawn out of the Commissary Store for our sick but more has been procured ym at private Expence and after all they have fared but very indifferently I wish none may have perished for Want of better Care. Yesterday Doctor Turner drew on the Commisary here for a Little Wine, sugar & Mutton for the sick & he utterly refused answering his Order. it is with great Reluctance I complain of any Thing in Camp. if it was not for the sick I would not do it by any Means. indeed as it is I desire it may not be much known. but repeated & sufficient Representations has been made to the Director General of the Hospital & to others. I leave the Subject in great Hopes the Camp will soon be more healthy. the Fare for well Persons is good enough. I am Your dutifull & affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Jabez Huntington Esqr

[Indorsed] Colol Jed H Letter Aug 24 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 28th Aug 1775

Hond Sir

I have your Favour ℔ Bror Andw have wrote You concerning Brother Eb: I dare not ask General Spencer for his Approbation of Eb's Appointment as I understand there is not a very good Understanding between them but I don't think the General will do any thing against his Appointmt unless he is much moved to it. poor Phin. Tracy is now no more. I believe I shall put one Hillyer a second Lieutt in Capt Humphry's Company in his Place as Adjutant which will make a second Lieutenancy vacant perhaps Mr Dyer will be easy with that. we have lately had an Order from Head Quarters to make Return of all Vacancies, do not know but the General intends to fill up, I am very happy in my Officers they are agreable Men and doubt not when the Regiment are in Health it will make a good Appearance in Camp. we are kept busy; about a Thousand are on Duty every 24 Hours which brings all the well, into Business pretty often. I am glad to find you been able to get the Flour down in Season. Doct: Turner & Cogswell have sent a Representation of the Hospitals to the Governor. we are in hourly Expectation of some warm Works commencing between our Army & the Enemy on Account of the new Entrenchmts throwing up on the plowed Field as it is called about one third of the Way from Prospect Hill to Bunkers, however believe our People have got such Footing as that the Enemy will not be able to displace them. some think they will make a Push with small Army if they do I imagine it will be decisive to them if they fail as in human probability they will. I now perceive that the General has called for a Return of the Vacancies to make them known to the several Governments who are to nominate their own Officers & the General has vacant Commissions to fill up. nothing to add I remain your dutifull and affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Jabez Huntington Esqr

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esqr Norwich

[Indorsed] Letter from Colol Jed H Augt 28th 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp in Roxbury 4 Sep^{r} 1775

Hon^{d} Sir

When I left Home I expected some material Alterations would have taken Place in our military Affairs before this Time, but Nothing has turned up of great Moment, perhaps we are approaching to more important Events; within a few Days past our Enemies have been fortifying on the Ground near where Browns House stood, and opposite to it on the other Side of the Way; they have had considerable Fire from our Works but as yet are not interrupted in their Designs, they are near enough for our Train to make good Use of Language if they had not already cast up Works to defend themselves from its Effects. their out Centries used to stand at this Place where they are now fortifying, if they get Footing here and proportionably advance their Centries, they will almost meet with ours what are by the George Tavern or Rather where that stood, indeed I believe the Situation of the two Armies considered in all Circumstances is an Instance unparralel'd in all History, it seems that it cannot remain so much longer unless both Sides observe such a Line of Conduct as Other Armies have been strangers to in their Hostilities. 5th was down upon the Lines Yesterday with a Flag of Truce, was met by Major Sill of the Regulars among many other Things which he com̄unicated (as he was very polite & sociable) said that they had no late Intelligence from England, had very lately heard from Canada that the Inhabitants of that Country had determin^{d} to assist Gov^{r} Carleton but that the Governor had no Disposition to proceed to Extremities with us, that Col: Johnson has had an Interview with 1600 Indians who will join him. when it is considered from what Hands this Intelligence comes, it will have its due Weight; Col. Arnold tells me he has orders from the General to draft 1100 Men to go on an Expedition (secret, thou' known to every Body) to Canada by the Way of Kennebeck. he is to command. the Enemy have not made much Progress in their new Works near Browns House it begins to be sus-

pected that they intend no more than to secure their Centries from our Riflemen of whom they bitterly complain that they are so often popping at the poor Centries, indeed it is a Practice that is not much liked by our Army in general. Six Ships a few Days ago came into Harbour, it was supposed from England, it is now said they are from Nova scotia loaded with Coal, so it seems they are providing against Winter. Bro^r John is drafting the Incampments & Fortresses of our Army and those of the Regulars which he will send to the Governor. 7th inst^t Col. Arnolds Detachment talk of marching next Sunday. Nothing material to take up your Attention. I remain

Your dutifull & affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Colo^l Jed H Sep^r 4 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp in Roxbury 7 Sep 1775

Dear Bro^r

M^r Jones was to see me this Day, says he rec^d your Letter & Mess^s Lothrops unsealed that yours contained a single Bill only & was concerned least the others of the Set had been fraudalently taken out. he would be glad You would send the remaining Bills to me and that I would keep them in my Hands untill he calls for them. I promised to desire You to send them by next Post now the Reason of the Letters being opened was this. M^r Jones is not considered as a Son of Liberty among the People here and it is a general Practice to break open all Letters to or from any of that Character. A Detachment of 2 Lieut Colonels, 2 Majors 10 Captains with Proportion of Subaltern Officers and about 1100 Privates including 3 Companies of Riflemen is ordered out on a secret Expedition under the Command of Col. Benedict Arnold. Doct: Turner is nominated as one of the Surgeons but has not as yet determined to go. hope you arrived at the Place of Your Habitation without much Injury from the

Stormy Weather and found all well Give my Love to Sister &C

I remain Your Affect^{t} Bror
JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To M^{r} Andrew Huntington Merch^{t} Norwich
[Indorsed] Colo^{l} Jed Huntington Sep^{t} 7th 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 8 september 1775

Hon^{d} Sir

just rec^{d} your Letter of the 5th respecting Brother Eben^{r} Thought I had said every Thing I could say about the Matter I believe I have heard Capt Chester say it would be agreable to his Company to have Eben^{r} their Lieut^{t} rather than to have their own Officers advanced into the Vacancy. M^{r} Wheatly is waiting therefore add not only that I am your dutifull

& affectionate son
JED HUNTINGTON

Jabez Huntington Esq^{r}
[Indorsed] Colo^{l} Jed H Sep^{r} 8 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp in Roxbury 8 Sep 1775

Hon^{d} Sir

I some Time ago mentioned that Lieut Brewster ought to be advanced in Case of a proper Vacancy. as there is now an Opening hope he will have the Place. I have wrote to the Governor upon it. I never was so sensible of the Importance of good Officers as since my late Experience there are many here who pass for agreable clever Men in common Life that make but an indifferent Figure in the Army they have no Idea of the Dicipline and Government which are absolutely necessary among military Men and they do not know how to lend any Aid or Support thereto but are rather Drawbacks upon every Thing of the Kind. I once mentioned to the Governor by Letter that one M^{r}

Newel would fill the Ensignsy in my Company but now there is a Vacancy in Captᵗ Humphry's Company twill be more agreable for him to come in there as he is better known to them. and I could wish that my eldest Sergeant Mʳ Ebenʳ Perkins might have the Ensigncy in my Company. the Governor informs me that Mʳ Dyer is provided for so I conclude Broʳ Eb. will obtain the Place he sought after. We hear a Ship from Dublin bound for Philadelphia put in at New Port and informs that the Irish Parliament had resolved that no more Troops raised in that Kingdom should be sent to America. but you have the News, perhaps, better authenticated than I have. I am

Your dutifull & affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 9 Sep 1775

Hondᵈ Sir

Since I wrote You by Mʳ Wheatly I have had a free Conversation with Capt Chester respecting the Appointment of Broʳ to his Company, he says 'twould be agreable to him & he thinks to his Company in general but he does not know how it will set on the Subaltern Officers in the Regiment he was at Cambridge Yesterday and finds that Mʳ Dyer's Appointment makes a general Uneasiness among the Subalterns in that Regiment but perhaps it will subside upon Mʳ Dyers filling his Place well. If Mʳ Simeon Huntington would take the 2ᵈ Lieutᶜʸ in my Company I think his Conduct therein would prevent any Uneasiness in my Company or Regiment Captᵗ Chester thinks Broʳ Ebenʳ is in general well liked by the Officers of their Regiment so that his giving close Attention to his Duty will probably silence all Murmurs. however I can't be possitive about these Matters, there are too many in the Army as well as elswhere that are fond of Mischiefmaking. I remain your dutifull & affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Jabez Huntington Esqʳ

[Indorsed] Colᵒˡ Jed H Sepʳ 9 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp in Roxbury 14 sep^{r} 75

Hon^{d} sir

As my Company begin to be in Want of a little Money for Necessaries I think best to draw some out of the Treasury (others have done so) for which Purpose I trouble you with an Order on Pay Table for Fifty Pounds should be glad it might be sent by first safe and convenient Opportunity and the Money forwarded to me throu' your Hands. We have pleasing News from England via Philadelphia conclude you have all the Particulars. the Regular Officers who have lately come out with Flags of Truce say they have had late Intelligence from England but don't let us know whether good or bad. the Sickness in Camp decreases daily, thou' the Sickness and Mortality in the neighbouring Towns is extraordinary. M^{r} Ellis tells me that five Corpses lay together in one House in Milton. I have your Letter of the 7th & 9th it must be disagreable to You to have such a joint Concern about the Flower I cannot think M^{r} Trumbull ever ordered it in that Manner and I believe he will direct it all to You solely, if it is desired of him

I remain your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Jabez Huntington Esq^{r}

[Indorsed] Colo^{l} Jed H Letter Sep^{r} 14 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 15 Sep 1775

Hon^{d} Sir

The Appointment of M^{r} Dyer makes so much Uneasiness in the Regiment I could wish for Peace sake that the Governor would think it prudent to send me Blank Commissions to fill up my subaltern Offices, it would ease the Governor and I believe I should promote the Service of the Regiments, I am told it has been customary to do thus in former Wars. I was sick the Day before Yesterday with a severe Headach but am well enough to Day to be on

Duty. A Deserter came to us last Night, and two Men belonging to a Vessel from Connecticut taken by our Enemies and carried into Boston I am told she was bound from New London to Jamaica

I remain Your dutifull & affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Letter from Colo[l] Jed H Sep[r] 15[th] 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 19[th] Sep[r] 1775

Hon[d] Sir

I wrote you by M[r] Townsend since am favoured with none of Yours. this Day hear that our Enemies have taken two Flour Vessels near Woods-Hole supposed to be two Vessels with 400 Barrels each which sailed from New York for Buzzards Bay and are missing, 21[st] Nothing material to inform you since the above. am in hourly Expectation of seeing Bro[r] Eben[r] & M[r] Fanning. remain your dutifull and affectionate Son

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON

P. S. if any Thing new, shall write you by M[r] Az: Lothrop tomorrow

Col. Jabez Huntington

[Indorsed] Colo[l] Jed H Letter Sep[r] 19[th] 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 22[d] 1775

Hon[d] sir

I have your Favour of the 15[th] & 18[th] ℔ M[r] Fanning & Brother Eben[r]. I feel a little disobliged as to the Consignment of Flour but hope it will be otherways transacted by & by Our various expensive Operations require almost a continual Emission of Money and that of all kinds seems to have a speedy Circulation every where, unless it is in Boston, where some pretend to despise it, one of the Regular Officers upon a Flag of Truce the other Day was saying that they always knew we could raise Men enou' but thought we

never could get Money to pay them, and now indeed they say our Paper Money is good for Nothing, One of our Officers told him that as poor as it is, it will furnish us with fresh Meat & Sauce which their Silver and Gold cannot procure. I am glad my Regiment are like to be together but am sorry the G—— should be so peremptory as to give Offence in commanding their Junction & I could wish my old Rum might fetch an Extra Price at least enou' to make up for Wastage in Proportion to which it has been growing better Price of Rum is three Pistareens of common Kind Molasses no Price good Sugar 50/ or more no Demand for Pork unless in the Army I believe the Commisary does not find so much as he would be glad to as some Days we cannot draw it. there will be some considerable Want of good Cheese as it is an Article of Diet very convenient for the Soldiers to buy. Coffe will be much used when Milk becomes scarce indeed it is at present I cannot as yet satisfy my self that Bro^{r} Eben will think it best to hold his Commission. I understand Gen^{l} W—— advises Cap^{t} Dyer to keep his. I never was more at a Loss to know what to advise than in this Instance. I hope something will turn up to make it clear what is best to be done. I remain most affectionately

your dutifull Son
JED HUNTINGTON

JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^{r}
[Indorsed] Colo^{l} Jed H Sep^{r} 22 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

ROXBURY Camp 23^{d} Sep 1775

Hon^{d} Sir

I have your Favour ℔ Col. Parsons the inclosed I imediately forwarded to Com^{y} Trumbull. find by your Letter that M^{r} Simeon Huntington is appointed my 2^{d} Lieut^{t}. when I wrote You some Time ago wishing he might have that Place I thou't it would be best. but there has lately arisen such a determined and almost universal

Opposition to any new Officers coming into Vacancies that I am fearfull it will not be for the Good of the Regiment or worth Mr Huntington's While to accept his Commission or if he has accepted, to proceed hither. I could wish to have him with me because I think he would fill his Place well but under present Circumstances he can't enjoy himself. after I wrote you about him and had heard of the Difficulties about Mr Dyer I sounded the Disposition of my Officers and endeavoured in the best Manner I could to pave the Way for Mr Huntington but I found I could not bring Matters to bear to my Mind so I said Nothing to him when he was here as I had given him up pretty much and then thou't it best to write for Blank Commissions and still wish I had them. I believe I could fill up Vacancies to good Satisfaction all round. by all I can hear from Cambridge Mr Dyer will not take his Place in the Regiment, as to Bror Ebenr there are so many Circumstances in his Favour which are peculiar to him I am in hopes he may stay with tolerable Quietness. I had some Conversation with General Spencer upon the Subject this Morning but I could not be clear what Part he will act in the Matter. he desired me to tell Eb he wanted to see him, I have not seen Eb since, he set out with a Design to proceed from Genl Spencer's to Cambridge. Love & Duty to Mother Sisters Brors &C

I am your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Colol Jed H Sepr 23 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp Fryday Morning

Hond Sir

This Moment hear that a Brig from Quebeck loaded with Stock on Deck and suppose Flour in the Hole has fallen into the Hands of our Country Men at Cape Ann and another from New Providence with Turtle & Fruit is taken at Marblehead they were both bound for Boston and it is said were drove by the Violence of the Wind so near the above mentioned Places as to fall a Prey into Our Hands. I

have but a Minutes Time to write and my Fingers Cold as it is hardly Sunrise

Your affectionate son
JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Colo[l] Jed H Letter Sep[r] 28 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp Octo[r] 3 1775

Hon[d] Sir

A Gentlemen at Quebeck writes his Tory Friends in Boston that Governor Carleton dares not embody the Militia of that Country least they should turn against him. this Letter among others was taken in the Brig which fell into the Hands of our People loaded with Cattle, sheep, hogs, Poultry and Bran. it is supposed to be the Present which our Enemies have often mentioned to be coming from their Canadian Friends. a Ship of 28 Guns arrived this Morning others of the same Size or near it have lately Come in probably these are to keep this Station the Winter and the larger Ships to go Home. Six Sailors deserted the Scarborough last Night they say there are only Eighteen Hands on board her besides pressed Men that forty had agreed to leave her the first Opportunity. I rec[d] your Letter of the 26 ultimo Yesterday. if M[r] Bliss has brought in his Cheeses I should be glad of 3 or 4 of them by Bene. As to Doctor Church's Treachery & Wickedness and all other News the Bearer will be able to give the best Intelligence your dutiful Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esq[r] In Norwich
[Indorsed] Colo[l] Jed Huntington Octo[r] 3 1775

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octo[r] 5[th] 1775

Dear Brother

I think I have not Rec[d] any of your favours since I saw you, I have not any thing Material to write. have Just Rec[d] an account that Doct[r] Church has prov[d] the Traytor &

is Confin^{d} I am very sorry to hear that any man Especially one in so Considerable a post as he should Desert the Glorious Cause. I have offord a parcel of your Oyl to Smith & Coit. should be Glad to know how Low you would Come for Ten Barrels. if any Chance to sell W I Rum by Hogshead or B^{l} at a Good price you please to Advise. we have Considerable on hand. Also Quere if Clove Water a few Barrels very good would sell & at what price I wou^{d} Quere what the Commisary does with the pork Barrels. I have nothing to add at present by only Respects to Cap^{t} Trumbull & all Friends & am your Affectionate Brother

AND HUNTINGTON

M^{r} Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Leu^{t} Joshua Huntington at Camp in Cambridge ℔ Ens^{n} Bill

[Indorsed] M^{r} And^{w} Huntington Letter Oc^{r} 5 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 5th Octo 1775

Dear Sir

I received by Post your Letter containing the Bills for m^{r} Jones. wish the News you have from s^{t} John's by the Way of New York may prove true and that the next Accounts may bring the Particulars of an entire Conquest of the Enemy. No Rum except Jamaica will fetch 4/ ℔ Gallon if present Times do not alter it will be higher as it must come from greater Distances none as yet has sold for more than 3/7½ that I have heard of. I dont know any Thing about Clove Water but will make Enquiry. should have answ^{d} Your Letter by this Weeks Post, but others to reply to which required a more immediate Return & other Business prevented. as there is no great Prospect of a Cessation of Hostilities, it will be necessary to be making early Provision for another Army & a Winter Compain; the Engagements of this Army are near up & althou' many of the Officers & Soldiers will be desirous of continuing in the Service, many will not, I am told some of the Soldiers begin to count the days they have to stay in Camp. however

I believe most of them after they have been Home a While will be glad to join the Army again. General Spencer intended to set out for Home this Day to be absent not many Days. I remain Your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Octo^{r} 9 1775

Next Saturday Doctor Franklin, M^{r} Lynch & M^{r} Harrison are expected at Head Quarters as a Comm^{e} of Congress to settle the Affairs of the Army I hear our Governor Trumbull is coming to join y^{m} We had last Fryday the warmest Cannonade that we have ever yet had for the Time from our Enemies our Train fired at their relieving Guard and killed a Corporal upon which they gave an incessant Fire for some Time by which one Man lost his Arm but is like to do well & two Cows were killed. a Deserter swam over to us last Night & one the Night before. Major Whiting & M^{r} Perrit came into Camp this Morning. have seen Nothing of Fathers Teems. the Rev^{d} M^{r} Adams the worthy Pastor of this scattered Flock was buried last Saturday. the Sickness in the neighbouring Towns is decreasing. You have likely heard of the Death of M^{r} Hillhouse of New Haven & Doctor Porter of Wethersfield. General Spencer's intended Journey Home is delayed on account of Business of Importance. I am sorry Mrss Townsend could not be prevailed upon to go into Boston I am told General Putnam insisted it should be made a Condition that M^{r} Lovell should have Leave to come out by Way of Exchange, hoping to avail himself of Mrss Townsends Importance to her Friends in Boston so far as to obtain the Liberation of that Friend to his Country. I have heard that M^{r} Lovell & the other Prisoners in Goal have had their Liberty upon General Howes taking the supreme Command. but since, it is contradicted, and said that they have only the Liberty of the Yard. I do not write My Wife or Father by this Opportunity as I suppose they will be journeying.

Love to Sister &C conclude me

Your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington
[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich
[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington Octor 5th 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp Octo 5 1775

Hond Sir

I have your Letter by Post give me the sorrowfull News of my dear Consorts ill state of Health, it gives me much Uneasiness to hear of it especialy as I am so distant from her, but have much Reason to rejoice in the Reflection that she is surrounded with the kindest Friends who I know will do every Thing for her I cant but approve the Plan of her going with Mother to Wethersfield. I shall not fail to write by Post every Week and by other Opportunities. I cannot advise Mr Simeon Huntington to join the Regiment at present. I believe Bror Ebenr will brave it out & I dont know but Dier will too but I think they both pay dear for all the Honor of their Commissions the Opposition continues as Headstrong as ever thou' with Respect to Ebenr it is with little Reason upon their main Principle, but now, when they meet with some forcible Objections to their Arguments on that Head they begin to say his age is exceptionable. General Howe's Commission was published Yesterday in Boston as Successor to General Gage who is going to England. As to Sickness in the Country I believe it is not more so near Camp than at a Distance Bror Chester hears that it is very sickly at Wethersfield. I shall wait with much Anxiety to hear further from my Wife. In mean Time remain your dutifull & affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Jabez Huntington Esqr
[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntington Octor 5 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 19 Octo 1775

Hond Sir

I was favoured yesterday with a Letter from my honored Mamma by which I understand my dear Wife remains in much the same indisposed Estate which gives me the greatest Uneasiness and Concern I have importuned my Mother to ride with her to Dedham where I hope to meet them next Week. As to News in Camp we have but little but what is fresher at New Haven than here as most of our Intelligence comes from the Southward. three young Men stole out of Boston the Night before last in a Canoe. they say it was currently reported & believed by our Enemies in Town that Quebec was taken by the Rebels as they express themselves. We hear of great Armaments by Sea & Land coming against us but very little said about an Accomodation. have not we too long flattered ourselves that commercial Measures would have mighty Effects, that the tender Point of Interest would be touched and the great commercial Fabrick disordered and convulsed if not destroyed if any of these Consequences have followed they are by some Jugling or other kept invisible. our professing Friends too in England assured us that the first Drop of Blood spilt in the Controversy on our Side would produce terrible Commotions with them but the Case is far otherwise. the Post calling obliges me to conclude with that I am established in the Righteousness of our Cause. your dutifull

& affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Honble Jabez Huntington Esqr

[Superscribed] To The Honble Jabez Huntington Esqr In New Haven ℔ Post

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntington Octor 19 1775

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octor 24th 1775

Dear Sir

I Recd your favours of 8th & 12th Instant Observe the Contents. with Regard to the Oyl Doctr Smith is very Cautious Abt Buying at present, I Blieve I shall offer it to him for 4/6 ℔ Gall. with Respect to flaxseed there is very Little Brought in & I Believe the farmers will hold it Back.

I Sent your Schooner a few days ago to N London for Some Molases. I have not unbent her Sails if you desire a Load of Sand I will send her down please to give an answer soon. Harris & Lord have been to N York for freights. I should have sent the Schooner had she been my property but dont Chuse to Venture others Interests. as to News have none Material I think the Times Look very dark upon I fear we shall have a Bloody Scene at the Northward. may we put our trust & Confidence in that God who Can Easily Disappoint the Devises of our Enemies; we are all well but Sister Faithy who seems to be in a Maloncholly way she Comes with Mother &C your way for her Health hope it may have the Desired Effect. Capt Trumbull is very sick yet tho' on the Recovery

I am in haste your Affectionate Brother

AND HUNTINGTON

Mr Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Leut Joshua Huntington In Camp at Cambridge ℔ favr Mr Fanning

[Indorsed] Mr Andw Huntington Letter 24 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

R Camp Octo 30 1775

Hond Sir

Mamma & My Wife arrived at Mr Henshaw's Fryday afternoon I met them there and found my Wife better than I Expected to see her she will be reconciled (I hope) to let Mother leave her. I have great Hopes that she will be restored to her usual Health & Temper of Mind I shall not be willing to have her Leave me in her present Situa-

tion. I believe Mamma Capt Chester & Mr Gale will set out Wednesday if the Weather is good, perhaps not till Thursday if she should not arrive this Week you must not be concerned as Mr & Mrss Henshaw are very urgent to have her stay 'till next Week thou' I hardly think she will. Doctor Sprague is prescribing for my Wife. has had Experience in like Disorders & has been successfull in the Cure of them. I am your dutiufull & affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Hble Jabez Huntington Esqr

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntington Octor 30 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp Nov 2d 1775

Hond Sir

I have Your Favors of the 27th & 28th Octor observe the Contents. am thankfull for the Meeting with my dear Partner hope it will have, with other Means (under divine Providence) salutary Effects. I shall not be content to have her leave me very soon she is, I hope, better than when she left Home, but Mother can tell you all Circumstances. As to Brother Ebenr, I have had my Mind greatly agitated though have said but little in the Affair. have been hoping all along that something would happen to make the Matter clear. upon the whole I thought it not proper to deliver the Letter to Genl Spencer. I could wish that Ebenr would be easy at Home but as he will not, I believe he had best to stay in the Army. if he cannot continue in the Regiment where he is I imagine he can leave it to his Advantage as he has had Encouragement of a better Place in one of the Massachusetts Regiments. besides, upon the Forming the new Army which will be in a few Days, Bror Eben will of Course come into some Regiment without any Objection. I imagine his Honor Goverr Griswold had his Information from some Person or Persons much prejudiced against Bror Ebenr. If I thought the Opposition that is made to him was reasonable I would exert myself that he should give Way to it. but it does not appear to me to be so & I know

it does not to many judicious Officers in the Army. I hope Mother will return to You in Health & Safety. I remain Your dutifull & affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Hon^ble JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^r

[Superscribed] To The hon^ble JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^r In Norwich

[Indorsed] Colo^l Jed H Letter Nov 2 Came to hand the 6^th

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO THOMAS MIFFLIN.

NORWICH Nov^r 4 1775

S^r

This day Came to hand Twenty Packages of goods Sent to my Care from New York ℔ Fran^s Lewes Esq^r to be Forwarded To you have p^d the freight on them & Shall forward them to you agreable to his direction Interim remain your

Hum^le Sev^t

JABEZ HUNTINGTON

To Maj^r MIFFLINE a Camp In Camebridge

[Indorsed] Letter to Maj^r Miffline at Camp In Camebridge Dated Nov 4 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

ROXBURY Camp 5 Nov^r 1775

Hon^d Sir

I write you again just to inform you that I left my wife Yesterday Morning better than when I first see her. Doctor Sprague was to see her thursday and thinks her Disorder will go off like a Mist. he has begun a Course of Physicks. congratulate you on the good News from Chamblee, remain

most affectionately your

dutifull Son

JED HUNTINGTON

JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^r

[Indorsed] Colo^l Jed Huntington Nov^r 5 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp Novr 9 1775

Hond Sir

I recd your Favour ℔ Post am glad to find that Mamma was safe arrived I did not expect she would have reached Home in so good Season. my dear Wife is contended at Dedham for the present & hope she will remain so. she is treated by Mr & Mrss Henshaw with all the Tenderness & Care possible. Doctor Sprague has no doubt but that under Providence he can effect her Cure. I shall not fail to make known to her the Regards expressed in your Letter and also your & Mamma Compliments to Mr & Mrss Henshaw. I was to visit them Yesterday. found your old Friend Colonel Hill there who is Father to Mrss Henshaw. he desired to be remembered to You. the Opposition to Brother Ebenr is apparently subsiding. had many Fears concerning Wattles. Capt Coit in one of our Privateers has taken two Vessells from Nova Scotia to Boston with live stock. I expect inlisting Orders for the new Army will be out Tomorrow. the 39 Regiments under the old Establishments are now reduced to 27, consisting of 728 each including Officers. Col: Douglas declining further Service, Major Clark succeeds him & Capt Humphry the Major, much to my liking. but I fear General Spencer will take Col: Clark away from me and put him into Col: Wyllys Regiment where he thinks he is more wanted. Col: Hill wishes you would send a Family or two on your Lands at Hillsborough. says there is a Meeting House built & Minister settled there. about 50 Families in the Town. it is said three Regiments are arrived in Boston, perhaps Part of three Regiments are arrived & the Remainder expected soon. Please to give my Thanks & Duty to Mamma Love to Brothers & Sisters. Duty to Grand mother &C

I remain Your dutifull & affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Honble Jabez Huntington Esqr

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntington Letter Novr 9 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp Nov: 16th 1775

Hond Sir

I wrote you by Mr Palmes since which am without any of your Favors. you have likely heard exaggerated Accounts of the Arrival of British Troops in Boston. by the best Intelligence part or all of the 17th and 40th Regiments are arrived & two or three Companies of the Train of Artillery. Soldiers are now inlisting under the new Establishment. would you be willing that Dier Manning & Rufus Abell should engage again. Sam will come Home at the Expiration of his Term the 6 of Decr. no Negroes are to be inlisted. Mr Keyes who is now my Sutler has Thoughts of taking a Commission, if he does, perhaps I may give Erastus Perkins a Chance of the Business. I am at a Loss in my Mind whether it would be worth Brother Andrews taking, or whether he could make any Thing & be better suited by joining with Erastus. Thos Fanning stands a 2d Lieutt under the new Arrangement. congratulate you on the joyfull News from our Army at St Johns. We have heard that Major Enos & three Captains with their Companies have left Col: Arnold and are on their Way to our Camp. it is a Mystery as yet. but must soon be explained. my Wife remains contented with her Situation and is in a hopefull Way of Recovery. the Intermissions of her Disorder increase daily which gives the Doctor & her Friends so much the better Opportunity to counter act the Return of the Fits. when she is told her distempered Mind proceeds from a distempered Body instead of denying any such Thing to be the Case she begins to wish it may turn out it so. just recd your Letters of the 18th ℔ Post. the Post waiting having Nothing to add. I remain your

dutifull & affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Honle Jabez Huntington Esqr

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntington Novr 16 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 23d Novr

I have drawed on The Treasury for Less than what the Wages of my Company will amount to as I understand the Treasury is not very well supplied the Committee may think I have drawed for too much but they will consider that the Staff Officers are included in my Company.

JED H

[Superscribed] (To) The honble Jabez Hunt[ington] ℔ Post

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp at Roxbury 23d Nov 1775

Hond Sir

I have your Favor ℔ Post of the 20th. am still much encouraged as to my Wifes Recovery. Mr & Mrss Henshaw expect me & all the Brothers in both Camps to rejoice with them & Mrss Huntington on this Day of publick Thanksgiving, but whether we shall go or not are not determined, have some Expectations the Enemy will molest our Festivity. they would be glad to interrupt us at such a Time and now they may be provoked to it as 400 Men went last Night on Cobble Hill to throw up Works that will be very offensive to them if Powder is not wanting. Major Humphry is gone Home sick with a very stubborn Cold bordering upon a Hectick have given You a List of my Officers as recommended & approved but those with a Star prefixed to their Names will fail on account of Sickness and other Circumstances. Officers are going into the Country to enlist. I hope they will have better Success than we have in Camp the Officers & Soldiers are possessed to get Home. I fear our Lines will be but thinly manned. If our Enemies know our Situation, as doubtless they will, they may take great Advantages of us. the Encouragement now offered to Soldiers is not equal to what Our Colony gave, but is more than the Southern Gentlemen think would have been an Adequate Reward. each Soldier has 40/ ℔ Mo 12/ allowed him for a Blanket, is to find his own Arms or allow 6/ for the Use of them at the End of the Campain. Callen-

dar Months. I hope People at Home will encourage Men to inlist. The Field Officers of the Connecticut Regiments were called upon to wait on the General Yesterday to have laid before them the Necessity of the Connecticut Regiments staying on the Ground till new Recruits come in or till the first of January. the Affairs of the Army lye with great Weight up on his Mind. we shall not with all our Rhetorick be able to retain many. Capt Chester arrived at Camp in good Health & Spirits last Sunday Bro^{r} Eb: demeaned himself in Capt Chesters Absence and ever Since his joining the Company as well if not better than could be expected from him or even an older Person. the Opposition is entirely at an End. some of his most obstinate Opposers are become very friendly to him. his Regiment however on Account of some things which I may tell you of Hereafter is in something of a broken State. Col. Enos is not yet come into Camp, we hear he is not far distant no late News from Col: Arnold. I dont know whether Dier or Rufus will inlist untill they have been Home. I proposed to M^{r} Johnson to pay him my Note some Time ago, he said he would think of it. he is now gone Home and suppose he will return but whether he does or not he will likely be at Home when the Note becomes due which I think is the latter End of December & I think it best to send the Money to him & take up the Note I must beg the Favor of You to negotiate it. the Principal Sum is if I remember right 440 p^{ds} & there will be one years Interest. I send an Order on Treasury for Money to pay off my Company. pray You to forward it by safe Hand & when rec^{d} send me one hundred of the smaller Bills & let Benj Backus have the rest as I shall draw upon him in Favor of those who owe me or where there is any Probality of making Turns and where it is convenient for them to receive their Pay at Norwich which will be the Case with most of my Company. when M^{r} Johnson is paid off I do not know that I shall have any further Use for Money very soon.

Love & Duty to Mother, Grand Mother &C &C.

I remain Your dutifull &

affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

List of Officers in the 4 Regts in Genl Spencers Brigade

10th Regiment (Parsons)

Captains	1st Lieutts	2d Lieutts	Ensigns
James Chapman	Isaac Gallup	Wm Cleaveland	Danl Wait
Abel Spicer	Richard Hewet	Thos Avery	Leml Cleft
David Sill	David Nevins	Burr	James Holt
James Eldridge	Oliver Babcocks	Danl Collins	Danl Billings
Christ: Darrow	John MGregor	Ezra Seldin	Abell Smith
Abrah: Watrus	Elisha Lee	Caleb Baldwin	Henry Hill
Christ: Ely	Wm Richards	Enoch Reed	Wm Raymond
Eben: Brewster	Nathl Hall	Jesse Prentice	Benj Haskell

14th Regiment is Reeds of Uxbridge which I omit

17th Regiment (Huntington's)

Capt	1st Lieuts	2 Lieutts	Ensns
Abraham Tyler	*Moses Hall	Sol. Orcut	Cor: Higgins
*Caleb Trowbridge	Zeb: Farnum	Tho's Fanning	Anth Bradford
Jos: Jewett	Jabez Fitch	John Harris	Jno Kinsman
Ozias Bissell	*Saml Bancroft	Abr: Wright	Sol: Makpeace
Jona Brewster	Sim: Huntington	Eb: Perkins	Josh: Tracy
Eleaz: Hubbard	Jona Gillet	Thos Haydon	Saml Badger
Ebenr Bissell	Epaphrus Andrus	Jona Humphry	M: Goodman
Timo Percival	Nath Gove	Sim Newell	Gillet

22d Regt (Wyllys') Bror Ebenr will give you the List off

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntingtons Letter Novr 23 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 6th Decr 1775

Hond Sir

I have your Favor ℔ Post to which in Part you will have an Answer in mine which went last Monday. we have News Via Boston that Col: Arnold is in Possession of Quebec but we wait more certain Accounts. it is expected the Connect^{t} Troops will leave the Camp the 10th instant. the Province Regim^{ts} under the new Establishment have good success in inlisting. some of them have got 400 Men. wish I could say as much of ours, but the Case is far otherwise. but I dont despair. have hopes of being at Home in all next Week. I send my sincere Thanks to Mother for her affectionate cumforting Letter. I fully intended to have wrote her and some other of my sympathizing Friends on the Subject of our common Affliction* but Multiplicity of Affairs requiring immediate Attention has necessarily prevented me. I forwarded her a Letter last Monday from Mrss Henshaw, Please to let Benj Backus know the Cask of Glass is come to hand. my Love & Duty to Mother &C &C

I remain

Your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Hon^{bl} Jabez Huntington

[Indorsed] Col^{o} Jed H Letter Decr 6 1775

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 7th Decr 1775

Hond Sir

have just recd your Letter of 29th Novr ℔ Bozworth. as to Mr Masons having Part of the House, I think of no Objection at present but as I expect to be at Home next Week will leave the Matter till then. I am your dutifull Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esqr Norwich

[Indorsed] Col^{o} Jed Huntington Letter Decr 11 1775

*This has reference to the death of his wife Faith, the daughter of Gov. Jonathan Trumbull, which had recently occurred.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 26th Decr 1775

Dear Sir

I have put a Bundle of Cloathes into your Chest which are all together in a red Bag & there are some Things belonging to Bror Ebenr I have taken the Liberty to borrow your two Blankets, which I will either Return to You again by & by or pay You for them or you may take two as good out of my House in Lieu of them

Key will come by first good Opportunity

Decr 28 Your Key comes by Post. have just Accounts that another Store Ship was brout into Cape Ann by one of our Privateers & that Capt Manly was in Pursuit of another that was in Company. my Love to Sister and all the Circle. I am

your affectionate Bror

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Mr Joshua Huntington Merchant Norwich ℔ Post

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntingtons Letter Decr 26 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp at Roxbury 26 Decr 1775

Hond Sir

I have been thinking that I cannot want Eliphalet Huntington in my Business which must by this Time be much reduced, and as he declines the Army wish you could find some Employ for him. I have a Note & Book Debt against Mr Peters of Hebron, what is best to do with them? they are of long standing & it is not likely he will come into this Country again very soon. I send you the State of Rufus, Dier & Sam's Wages, the Ballance you will charge to me in Account for the present. I shall write again soon & remain Your dutifull and affecte Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Honble Jabez Huntington Esqr

[Superscribed] To The honble Jabez Huntington Esqr Norwich ℔ Favour Capt Brewster

[Indorsed] Colol Jed H Decr 26 1776

Rufus Abell	Dr		
July 26 Dimity	0	7	11
Cash	0	6	
Decr 11 Cash to Sergt Chapman	0	18	
	1	11	11
Ballance	10	10	3
	12	2	2

Contra	Cr		
By Premium & Billeting paid before marching			
By Wages from 10 July to 10th Decr & 6 days to march home is 5 mo & 6 days @ 44/	11	8	9
4 days more allowed on acco Sickness		5	11
Travel Home		7	6
	12	2	2

Dier Manning	Dr		
Octo 4 Cash	0	5	0
[ ]h to his [ ]ther for [ ]	0	10	
Decr 10 Cash 9/	0	9	
Ballance	13	14	9
	14	18	9

Contra	Cr		
Rum 52/ 1 mo 44/ Billetg 10/6	5	6	6
Wages from 10 Aug to 10 Decr & 6 days to go home is 4 mo & 6 days @ 44/	9	4	9
Travel Home	0	7	6
	14	18	9

Sam Negro	Dr		
Aug 7 Cash	0	6	
ditto			4
Sep 26 do		2	6
Shoes		7	4
	0	16	2
Ballance	13	11	10
	14	8	

N B. Rufus had a Fife belonging to the Publick which must be paid for—cost 7/

Contra	Cr		
Rum 62/ 1 mo 40/ billetg 10/6	5	12	6
Wages 4 mo & 6 days	8	8	
Travel		7	6
	14	8	
Rufus Ballance	10	10	3
Diers	13	14	9
Sam's	13	11	10
	£37	16	10

RALPH POMEROY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Capt Huntington, Sir

You will receive by Mr Picket Quarter Master Sergeant to Col. Glovers Regiment A Bundle of blue Duffields containing 300 Pr Mens Stockings directed to the Qu Mr Gl the Col. was good enought to Suffer them Transported with the Baggage of his Regt please to keep them untill I see you which hope to in a very few Days In the Mean Time am Sir your very

humble Servt & Friend

RALPH POMEROY

Capt Huntington

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington at Norwich with A Bundle contg 300 Pr Mens Stockings By the Favour of Mr Picket

[Indorsed] Ralph Pumroy Letter 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 6 Jan 76

Hond Sir

Since closing my Letter of Yesterday I thout of mentioning to you my Desire of paying off Brother Chester. I told him I should chuse to do it if I could not employ my Money. one of the Notes is not for a Certain Sum but to be fixed according to [the] Rate of Exchange so that it may be difficult for you to ascertain the exact sum I owe him. it is not far from £120 lawfull if that was paid him it will stop Interest for the present & I can settle with him when I see him. If you are willing that Dier Manning should come into the Army I wish he might come down & join my Regimt. I shall send Home Money ℔ first good Opportunity if wanted

your affecte & dutiful son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Honble Jabez Huntington Esqr In Norwich

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntington Letter Jany 6th 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp at Roxbury 10 Janʸ 1776

Hondᵃ Sir

I have before me Your Favor ℔ Post of the 8 instant and I am glad to find Mʳ Hemstead or rather that a Post is to ride again between Norwich & Camp and to encourage the Undertakᵍ Have subscribed 12/ for two Months although it is a high Tax upon me however I hope I shall get more than an Equivalent in the Multiplicity of Letters which I wish to receive from my Friends I knew before I left home that Jonathan Peters had the Care of his Brother Sam's Affairs and I had repeatedly wrote to him concerning my Debt but he never took much Notice of my Letters except that he once sent down a very dear Horse. It is not a Time for Lawsuits in General but in this Case I think no one will think it improper if other Means won't do.

As to Eliphalets being necessary in the Store I submit wholy to your Judgment I am glad to hear there is so good a Sale as it seems there is for my broken Assortment. I make no Doubt our Goods at Retail Price are cheaper than at most Places. every Kind of Goods at Camp are extravagantly dear

As to the new Regiments filling up cannot give You so good an Account as I could wish all my recruiting Officers have returned except Twelve and there are but about four hundred inlisted which is 288 short of the full Complimᵗ my Regiment is as full as either of the Connecticut Regᵗˢ. the Province Regᵗˢ are much the same on an Average. Orders were issued some Days past for all the Soldiers to join their Corps by the first of January. I hope to see my Regᵗ full in a few Days, but am not without my Fears that it will not. the Men are much wanted. Arms & Blankets are much wanted. One of my Companies (Capt Ozias Bissells) is more than full. the General has ordered it to Squantum which disobliges me, as the dividing the Regimᵗ will prevent the good Dicipline of it but I shall do the best I can to make it servicable & reputable. I wrote to Benj the Week before last to send me a Horse in a Fortnight as

he says Nothing about the Matter by the Post I am thinking whether he has not forgot my Desire

I am your dutifull & affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Love & Duty to Grand Mother, Mother &C

I hear Sister Lucy is sick but as none of my Friends write any Thing of it conclude it is not so.

17th . a Deseter came to our Guards last Night, a Corporal, and a sensible Fellow. says 200 Marines & two light Companies are embarked on Board some Transports & orders were expected to have all the Grenadiers join them supposed to be destined to Virginia. that there has been no Arrivals since the Chatham which brought Admiral Shuldham. says General Howe was angry at the Conduct of his Troops at Charlestown when the Houses were burnt by our People. that 18 Regiments of Foot & 2 Battalions of Marines make the whole of their Force. that they have 3 lb Pork ℔ Man ℔ Week 5 oz Butter & 1 Gill Oil, &C. that they expect more Troops but not till Spring. he thinks he saw General Burgoine in Boston but two Days ago but in this he is likely mistaken

Your &C

J H

Honble J Huntington Esqr

[Indorsed] Colol Jed H Letter Jany 10 1776

JASON SWAN TO JOHN HOWLAND.

Capt Howland

As Mr Rapole has alter'd the property of the Schooner & Chard her out as he did, you'l Endeaver to get in to Cape Ann harbour, Newbury Port or Salem, provided She is not unloaded & Stored. Say into Dartmouth but the risque is little More by her going Round, if any thing Should you Get into Boston you Can Sell and Get the Money at a Great price, or Bills at 17½ discount; but I had Rather you Should Not. if you Should, they wou'd use you Well, as the Deception of Clearing for Bermudas wou'd take with

them: thinking you design'd Getting in for Rapayle, but not a word of me in the Matter, and I Say again I'd rather you Should not Get in

I'm Yrs &C

J SWAN

Watertown 25th Janry 1776

I woud by all means you Should Get Round the Cape or into Dartmouth. and if you Come without Insurance I'l Make you a handsome Present. Copy.

The above Letter was Directed Capt Jno Howland of the Schooner James To the Care of Major Rogers Norwich.

ISAAC ABEL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge 26th Jany 1776

Dear Sr

I Recvd yours by Coln Durkee last evening have Put up the Number of Buttons which you Desired me to do. The Price of them has Risen sence you left this Place to 3/6 a doz for Coats & of consequence Vest half that price If you Pay the money to Esqr Leffingwell twill be the same as if you sent it here. News we have none. the next month I doubt not will Produce some Divertion. my love to Mrs Huntington. am sir with Sincearity your friend & Humble servt

ISAAC ABEL

My love to Freelove & Anne

This Comes by Mr Douglass in Company with the Buttons

[Superscribed] To Lieut Joshua Huntington Mercht Norwich

[Indorsed] Mr Isaac Able Letter Janu 26 1776

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 26 Jany 1776

Dear Sir

The Snow falls plentifully, there may be a Sufficiency for Sleighting, you intend I hear to make a Visit to Camp

soon, shall not you rather come in a Sleigh than otherways, you can doubtless make up a Party who would take in a Friend here or go Home without him, I have mentioned too many Circumstances, to make any Event depending upon them, probable yet there is a Possibility that all may concur, and I have the Pleasure of seeing you at Camp and accompany You Home. I have been thinking I ought to have a Letter from You as often as Once a Week at least. if Father should neglect me I must attribute it to publick Business, or if Brother Andrew should, it will be because of the Sickness of Sister who must undoubtedly engross most of his Attention & Concern. from this Time forward I shall charge You the Price of one Letter weekly which as I value them highly will amount to a Considerable Sum soon; tell me small News as well as great.

this Day or Tomorrow we were to begin a covered Way upon Dorchester Neck to make a safer Passage to & from the Hill.

I hear that from two northern Towns only, Seventy Sleighs with Six Men in each have gone to the Assistance of our Army at Quebec. if every other Town adjacent has done the like or but half so much they will make a sufficient Reinforcement Give my Love to Sister The unreserved Intimacy and sincere Friendship which subsisted between her and my lovely Wife leave her a hearty Mourner with me for the Loss of the best of Women. be thankfull to the Giver of all Mercies that your domestick Felicity is continued when the divine Wisdom has seen fit to make such a great Breach upon mine. I consider you as no small Sharer in the Affliction, one of your closest Friends is taken from You. let us be carefull to prepare for our Departure whenever the Period arrives as such a Time is appointed to us all.

my Love & Duty to Father Mother &C

I am your affectionate Bro^{r}

JED HUNTINGTON

Bro^{r} Eben desires M^{r} Zeph to send him the Price of the Cloathes which he lately sent him

Mr Joshua Huntington

Dear Sir—I send you a Letter to Capt Jewett. perhaps you may see him on his Way to Camp. if you miss of him let the Letter go on to Lyme.

[Superscribed] To Mr Joshua Huntington In Norwich ☞ Mr Giffords

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington Letter Jany 26 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 28 1776

Hond Sir

Your Letters of 16th 21st & two of ye 24th are to Hand. Our Privateers took, the last Week, four Prizes, two carried into Salem & two into Plymouth, the two first mentioned, were in plain Sight of the Shipping at Nantasket, the Sailors said the Yankees would come next & carry away the Admirals Ship. the Ships carryed to Salem we hear are loaded with Coal & Potatoes from England, the Acquisition is of no great Value to us, but, for the present, an irreparable Loss to our Enemies, I do not yet learn the Loading of the other two Captures. we are told our Enemies are [ ]ng out Privateers. want much to hear what becomes of our Fleet at the Southward. the Articles Mother was so kind as to send to me came all to Hand am sorry to find I am so poor of it for Shirts have thoughts of buying ps Linnen & troubling Mother to get it made it up for me. when I shall find Time convenient to be absent from Camp do not know I could stay contentedly many Months for the Sake of coming Home by the Way of Boston. There is a great deal to be done before such a Tour can be feasable. it is lately found that almost all our heavy Cannon must have new Carriages before they are put to hard Usage. &C &C. my Love & Duty to all. I remain your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Honble Jabez Huntington Esqr

[Superscribed] To The honble Jabez Huntington Esqr Norwich ☞ Favor Mr Miner

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington Letter Janu 28 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 31st Jany 1776

Dear Sir

To Morrow the Remainder of the Militia leave us and leave us pretty thin too. the established Regiments have not more than 500 each upon an Average the new raised Militia ought to be hasty in joining us when I was at Cambridge Yesterday Coll Durkees Son was over here and ordered Dyah Manning to Cambridge I was supprized at it after what You wrote me. I intend Thomas Fanning shall go to Cambridge Tomorrow or next Day and know what Col. Durkees means by it. if he is determined to hold him it will be hard upon Dyah as my Drums & Fifes have chosen him their Drum Major. I have one Company full & 3 or 4 to spare, one More that wants 6 only, the others stand at about Sixty Rank & File. Whitcombs & Webbs Regiments are ordered to this Camp the latter is already come. Genl Spencers Brigade is now made up of Connecticut Regiments only, that is Parsons, Huntingtons, Webbs & Wyllys's. There is some Probability of Bror Ebenr having a Captaincy in the Company he is now in (but this between you & I till you hear further). there is a Probability of Master Lovells being exchanged for Governor Skeene I believe it will come to pass. my Love to Sister &C &C & am your affecte Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Mr Joshua Huntington Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntington Letter 30 Janu 1776

LETTER FROM NORWICH.

Norwich Febuary 1776

Dear Sir

Some Time ago I wrote the Hone John Hancock Esq President of Congress Inclosing him Several Papers & instructions I had Recd Relative to the Brigt & Cargo of

Melasses Formerly belonging to Joshua Winslow Late of Boston Deceas'd, by order & in behalf of the Committee of Norwich, desiring an order of Congress how to dispose thereof &C

Desired the Papers might be Return'd by Bearer Mr Daniel Leffingwell, Who on his Return Told me, The Matter had not been Taken up when he Came away & That Colo Hancock Told him he would Forward my Papers with the advice of Congress by Colo Edward Mott who was then in Philadelphia. Since which have heard Nothing Relative Thereto. wish you would be kind Enough, to Mention the Matter & forward me ℔ Bearer or first Safe Conveyance my Papers with the Opinion of Congress What Shall be done with the Brigt & Cargo. I also Request that the Matter of furnishing Cannon for Securing the Harbour of New London might not be Delayed it is the only Harbour in this Colony & I think it of utmost importance to us to have it Strongly Fortified & that without Delay. I know of no way to procure Cannon So Readily as to bring them from Ticonderoga. wish I had an order from Congress for about Fifteen or Twenty from Eighteen to Twenty four pounders. I would Soon have them Down. Would Willingly Leave all other Business at this Time. I am afraid it will be Delayed Untill it is Too Late. pray Exert your Self in this matter. Not only the preservation of New London & Norwich but the Safety of the Whole Colony may depend on it, & in fact it may prove a Vast Saving to the Continent, in keeping open a Channel for bringing forward Flour & other provisions from the Westward. I mention above that I wish had an order for Canron.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 6 Feby 1776

Dear Sir

Dont mistake the Nature of the Account which I mean to keep with you of Letters. you must know I imagine you to be much at Ease at Home with Leisure on your Hands,

now when a fair Opportunity presents & I am not favoured with a Letter, I set something down to your Debit. my Letters I don't mean to charge, I shan't be able to write you so many as I hope to receive from You. Every Tuesday there is an Interview on the Lines between us & the Enemy. they tell of a large Fleet which they have lately heard to be on the Banks of New found Land, if they were there at the Time they mention, which is not very likely, it is probable they will make the best of their Way to a warmer Climate. I hope we shall be ordered to Dorchester before long, for more Reasons than one, it is not only an important Post to possess, but the Militia will soon be uneasy if Something considerable is not attempted, they are come with an Idea of executing some great Business. I dont hear any News from Gen^{l} Lee, I was in Hopes, before this, his Undertaking would have answered every ones Expectations We begin to think New York must suffer the Fate of Falmouth & Norfolk. I have your Favour of the 30 Jan^{y} rec^{d} this Day. it did indeed snow plentifully whilst I was writing you by Giffords & but little longer, since which we have had in general cold dry Weather Give my Love to Sister, Mama & All & believe me to be Your affectionate Bro^{r}

JED HUNTINGTON

8th Thursday

I am favoured with Yours ℔ Lieut Huntington who came in last Evening. Col Durkee persists in holding Dyah Manning. the Arrival of the Maccaroni is good News, but we hear there are only 4 Tons of that necessary Article Powder. only two Companies of Connect^{t} Militia are yet in to our Camp. they are slow

Love to Sister &C

yours affectionately

M^{r} Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To M^{r} Joshua Huntington Merchant Norwich ℔ Post

[Indorsed] Colo^{l} Jed Huntington Letter Feb^{u} 6th 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 8 Feby 1776

Hond Sir

Your Favour ℔ Lt Huntington is to hand. he has purchased only 42 Arms which leaves me still in Want of about 90. I hear the Maccaroni has brought in a considerable Number. I want to know whether they are publick or private Property & whether 90 of them might be had. If Capt Chester comes to Camp without giving you Notice of his Desire about my Payment I shall pay him here.

50000 Dollars are in from Congress but it wont half supply the Demand for Money due I shall be obliged to Mother to look at my House for a Black Barcelona Handkf and if she finds one send it me by Brother Joshua or it can come by Post inclosed in a Letter. my Love & Duty to all as is due & am your dutifull

& affectionate Son
JED HUNTINGTON

Yours of 28 & 29 Jany is to hand

Honble Jabez Huntington

[Superscribed] To The Honqle Jabez Huntington Esqr
Norwich ℔ Post

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntington Letter Feby 8th 1776

NORWICH COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE TO WATERTOWN COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Norwich Feby 14 1776

Gentm

A sense of the Trust repos'd in Us, A Love of our Country, and the Duty We owe to Mankind forbid a Neglect on our part of giving the earliest & best Intelligence of every Matter appearing to effect the Publick. How far ye Publick may be affected by ye Conduct of the Person who wrote the Letter of which the Inclos'd is a Coppy and the Original in the Hands of the Bearer at your Service for the Purpose of making what Use of it you Please You are the Judges,* You have the best Advantage to Call the Writer

*This reference may be to the letter of January 25, 1775, from Jason Swan to John Howland.

to put such reasonable Constructions as He can on the Intent and Design He had in writing in a Stile so peculiar & why so cautious. Inclos'd also is a Stating of Facts & Circumstances attending the Lading Sailing & Capture of the Schooner in New York commanded by Cap Howland about which the Letter is conversant. These Things compared wth ye Letter render it (in our Opinion) Our Duty to notify you & as soon as could be authentically done that a satisfactory Account may be had from the Owner of the Schooner & Author of ye Letter why such Order were given and how they can bear the Complexion they do & still be consistent with the honest Heart of a true Friend to the American Cause. A fair and reasonable Account of these Things will be for the Honour of the Writer & will most agreeably satisfy

Gentm your most hble servants

CHRISTR LEFFINGWELL } Committee of
WM HUBBARD } Correspondence for
BENJ HUNTINGTON } The Town of Norwich

[Superscribed] To The Committe of Correspondence & Inspection Watertown Favr ℔ Mr Huntington

[Indorsed] A Letter from the Committe Norwich to the Committe of Watertown Feby 14 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 23d Feby 1776

Dear Sir

It seems as if I must write you by so direct an Opportunity as our Brother although I am not possessed of any important Materials to make up a Letter. the necessary Things are getting in Readiness in Order to give some Molestation to our Neighbours at which we expect they will show some Marks of Resentment. we go on but slowly. twill be impossible to throw up Works of Earth in the usual Manner of intrenching on Account of the Frost, Stakes cannot be drove into the Earth to support the Parapet, in Lieu of which, Frames of Timber, which are called Chandeliers are to be substituted. hope Something will be done after a

while. All in good Time is a vulgar Saying and often a true one. I am expecting to hear Matters of Moment from New York & Quebec.

My Love to Sister. Pray she may experience much of the Presence of the divine Spirit. that she may be supported in her Weakness & Pain, & both of you be prepared for Gods righteous Pleasure concerning you that you may both be meetened for a heavenly Inheritance, and received into Glory when the Days of your Pilgrimage here are finished. my Love to your little Ones. I remain your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] To Mr And. Huntington Merchant Norwich ℔ Capt Huntington

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington Letter Feby 23d 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 29th Feby 1776

Hond Sir

I send you 69 11 which I am to pay the Com of Pay Table for Arms retained in Continental Service, that they provided, (or must pay for), for my Company, I wish it might be sent ℔ first safe Conveyance (230 Doll. & 11/ Bill). I send you by Lieut Huntington one thousand Dollars of my own which please to keep for me or use if you have Occasion.

13 Sheets a 72 Dollars one of ym cut up	936 Doll
1 Bill	30
loose Bills 1 a 30 dol 1 a 4 dol	34
	1000 dollars

I was at Cambridge last Saturday and enquired the Price of Rum under Pretence of wanting a Hhead, they would not take less than 4/7 ℔ Gallon. from your dutifull & affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

my Love & Duty to Mother &C

March 1st

I think we shall undoubtedly go on Dorchester next Week, if they come out to us it is probable the Contest will be serious & decisive I wish my good Friend Doct: Turner could find it in his Way to be at Camp next Wednesday or Thursday. he promised he would come down. we have but few so experienced as he is in his Way. J H

I have sent Box of Articles of Cloathing ℔ Lt Huntington to be committed to my hond Mothers Care

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esqr In Norwich ℔ Lieut Huntington

[Indorsed] Feby 29 1776 Colol Jed H Letter

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 1 March 1776

Dear Sir

I just tell you in Confidence, that I expect, if Tide &C are favourable that we shall go on Dorchester in the Course of next Week. I dont desire you should mention the Intelligence I communicate to you as I would not give any Alarm. Lieut Huntington waiting I only add that I am your affectionate Brother

J HUNTINGTON

send me my Mare or Horse by Lt Huntington

Our Enemies were prepared at their Lines on the Neck to come out (with Genl Howe at their Head) & push our Lines when they burnt the Houses on Dorchester in Expectation that we should send most of our strength that Way. this we learn from Persons who have since come out of Town.

Capt Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Capt Josh: Huntington Norwich ℔ Lt Huntington

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntington Letter March 1 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 7 March 1776

Dear Sir

We have made one unsuccessful attempt towards meeting our Enemies on our own Ground but as yet they decline the Interview, it is much short of our Expectations that they appear so inactive whilst we have been getting strong Foothold at Dorchester, but they may be hatching Mischief for us in some Way we little think of. I am in Hopes one more Essay will be made to draw them out. I join with You in wishing we had more Lees; it seems the Ministry are determined to put our Generalship and Soldiership to the Tryal, it is Time now to hear something important from the Northern Army. I have never heard yet whether the Battalion from Connecticut was compleated that was intended for that Station. my Love to Sister & all our Circle. I remain Your

affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich ℔ Post

[Indorsed] Colo[l] Jed Huntington Letter Mch 7th 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 7 March 1776

Dear Sir

So far from meeting withat warm Reception from our Enemies which you know was expected by all whenever we should take Possession of Dorchester they seem to be very indifferent about the Matter. we have a Fort upon each of the two highest Hills with a Number of Cannon in them. there is a small work on each Side of the Road between the two Necks as you go on to the Hills, & a Flash throwed up on the Declivity of the Hill next the Castle. 3000 Men with 15 field Officers went on at 3 oclock Tuesday Morning the same Number of Men relieved them Yesterday Morning & this Morning at the same Time, by which you see that half our Men fit for Duty are on at a Time which comes rather too hard for them. however they go with great Chearfullness.

a very constant & heavy Fire was kept up all Monday Night between the Town & our Lines in Roxbury & at Leechmeres Point. a Lieut of Col Learneds lost his thigh with a Cannon Shot & is since dead. I have your Favour ℔ Post. I thank Sister for her Kindness. I shall make out to do with what Shirts I have by me a little longer, perhaps till I come to see you. my Love to Sister &C &C

I remain your affectionate Brᵒʳ

JED HUNTINGTON

You will be grieved to hear that the fine Brass Mortar *the Congress* is split & several Iron Ones. perhaps we have doated too much upon them.

[Superscribed] To Capᵗ Joshua Huntington In Norwich ℔ Post

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Letter March 7th 76

JASON SWAN TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Watertown 13 March 1776

Mʳ Joshua Huntington

Sir

Sometime since you brought or forwarded a Scandalous charge agains me, to the Council of this Colony, no less, than my Supplying the Enemies of America with Provision; a charge equally groundless, as I think it was malicious. I have been very severely handled in consequence of that Information: but discharg'd honourably; & with Laurels. Part of your conduct demands an explanation. I expect it as a Gentleman, & by return of Post. I mean, that you should say, how you came by the Letter to Capᵗ Howland; the grounds of your Subsequent conduct, & the causes by or principles upon which you were moved thereto; & why you behav'd in so unwarrantable a manner against my credit & my fame, as to give, or Suffer to be taken, numerous Copies of the Letter I'm

Your humᵉ sᵗ

JAˢ SWAN

Depʸ Rec Genl

[Superscribed] Mʳ Joshua Huntington Merchᵗ in Norwich

[Indorsed] Jason Swan Letter March 13 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 13 March 1776

Hond Sir

I recd your Favour last Evening ℔ Lieut Huntington. have not Time to write you much. Our Enemies for Several Days past appear to be decamping as fast as possible the Presumption is so strong that they intend to leave Boston that our Army are ordered to be in constant Preperation to march. I expect before many Days that a Part of it will be ordered away some where or other, but to where I cannot say. some conjecture to New Port, others to New York, others to Virginia. I have a Letter from Mr Gale desiring employment of some Kind or other but I do not know of any Place that it is in my Power to procure him I have not Time to write him now. I thank Bror Andrew for his Letter shall write him soon. my Love to Mother, Sister Lucy &C. & remain

your affect: & dutifull son

JED HUNTINGTON

Honble Jz Huntington Esqr

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntington March 13th 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 17 March 1776

Dear Sir

Never was Joy painted in higher Colours than in the Faces of the Selectmen of Boston & other of the Inhabitants of that distressed Town when we first had an Interview this forenoon. I have been in several Parts of the Town. there seems to be much Mischief done out of mere Wantonness. saw several Holes where the Cannon Shot from our Lines at Roxbury had passed. two 13 Inch Shells from Cobble Hill fell just over Mr Sherburnes House a little above Kings Chapple. I just stepd into Mr Hancocks to see what Damage he had suffered expecting to see every Thing laid waste but found it much otherwise. All his good Furniture Family Pictures &C are preserved & but little Hurt

done to the House or Gardens. one of his Dependants told me Mr Phillips House had been improved by Mr Winslow & was left in good Order. I intended to have gone to Mr Masons but had not Time. Bror Chester, Ebenr & Tom Fanning are on Guard in Town this Night. I imagine some Hulks will be sunk in the Channel which together with our Forts & Batteries I hope will secure to us the Possession of the Town where the Enemy will get another such Foothold I know not. my Love to Sister. congratulate you on this Acquisition. the oppressed Town is once more freed of its cruel Masters. I hope it will see good Days according to the Days wherein it has see Evil

I remain most affecty

Your Brother

J HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Mercht Norwich

[Indorsed] Colo1 Jed Huntington March 17 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

17 March 3 oClock 1776

Dear Sir

This is from the usual Place of dating my Letters but it might have been from Boston from whence I am just returned. it was almost 11 oClock before the Gates were opened. General Washington ordered Col: Learned with five hundred Men (who have had the small Pox) to March into Town & take Post on the Heighths two of our Companies of Artillery are in the Town. the Enemy have been making Preparations for a Decampment for some Time past but the Inhabitants tells they were much quickened in their Motions upon our taking Dorchester Hills, last Night we got good Footing upon the Point nearest the Town. they have left several Pieces of Cannon spiked up. Doctor Turner &C can give You all particulars.

from your affect Brother

J HUNTINGTON

Love to Sister &C

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington In Norwich

[Indorsed] Jed Huntington Letter March 1776

THOMAS MIFFLIN TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge 23d March 1776

Dr Sir

All the Vessels must have two weeks wood & water on board. Those which are in Connecticut River are to fall down to Seabrook and remain there untill the Troops arrive. The Vessels which carry the first Detachment must be ordered back to New London as soon as possible & to be got ready for the second Embarkation. Cap Francis has Money to defray the Expence of Embarkation. If any thing material occurs pray send me an Account of it by Express

I am Sir
Y Ob S
THO MIFFLIN
Q M G

[Superscribed] To Mr Joshua Huntington Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Colol Thos Mifflin Letter March 23 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Roxbury Camp 24 March 1776

Hond Sir

There is a fine Wind for the Fleet to sail from Nantasket Road, if it goes to Day. I shall set out for Home Tomorrow with Bror Ebenr. Genl Spencer's Brigade will be the last to leave this Station. if there is a safe Opportunity I should be Glad you would send one thousand Dollars of my Money addressed to Mr Thomas Fanning. I dont see how the Regiment will march without some Money & they are not like to receive any for Wages till they get to their Destination although they have two months Wages due. Col Mifflin & Lady & Genl Gates Lady propose to set out Tomorrow for Providence & Norwich. I hope my Friends will do the best for them they can. I do not know but Genl Washington & his Retinue will take the same Rout.

I wish the Money might not fail of coming as it seems to be absolutely necessary. my Love & Duty to All &c

remain your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Hon^ble^ JABEZ HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Colo^l^ Jed H Letters March 24 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

ROXBURY Camp 24 March Evening 1776

Hon^d^ Sir

I wrote you this Day by M^r^ Thomas, I was then in Hopes of setting out for Home Tomorrow, expecting the Fleet would certainly sail this Day. I now begin to fear I am stationed for several Days longer. instead of the thousand Dollars I wrote for I wish fifteen hundred might be sent me. this comes by Col: Mifflin our Quarter Master General the Life & Spirit of our Army. I hope his Stay in Norwich will be made as agreable to him & the Ladies as may be. I remain

your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Colo^l^ Jed Huntington M^h^ 24^th^ 1776

JOEL CLARK TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

ROXBURY Camp 26^th^ M^ch^ 1776

Cap^t^ Josh^a^ Huntington

Sir please to Dispose of The Two Hh^ds^ Rum & Six bb^s^ Rye Flower that are in your Hands Belonging to me to the Best Advantage & Remit me y^e^ N^t^ Proceeds by y^r^ Bro^r^ Col^o^ Huntington Youll Oblige your Most Obed^t^

JOEL CLARK

To Cap^t^ JOSHUA HUNTINTON at Norwich

[Superscribed] To Cap^t^ JOSHUA HUNTINTON at Norwich

[Indorsed] Colo^l^ Joel Clarks Letter March 1776

DAVID TRUMBULL TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Lebanon March 29 1777

Sir

I have Orders from the Governor and Council of Safety to send to your Care, a Chest of Arms Containg Thirty Six Stands Complete to be forwarded by you to Capt John Ely at New London, which Chest Mr Gillett brings, and Desire you to send me your receipt for the same, that I may Account therefor

Your Humble Servant

DAVID TRUMBULL

[Superscribed] To Mr Joshua Huntington Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] David Trumbull Letter March 1776

NEHEMIAH HUBBARD TO CHRISTOPHER LEFFINGWELL.

Hartford Aprl 10th 1776

Dear Sr

I Recd Yours of the 9th Inst with a Letter from Thomas Mumford Esq, with a Request for Bread, Capt Wadsworth is not at home, & is not Expected till to Morrow, there is no bread Bak'd Neither in Hartford Weathersfield or Middletown it would be Impossible to have bread Bak'd & Sent this Week, if he had given ten or twelve Days I might have got Considerable but as the term of time is so short it's Impossible to do any thing about it, the News of our Fleet's arriv'g at N London gives great Joy and satisfaction to Every One hope soon to hear they have taken Wallace with his fleet, am Sr in behalf of Capt Jerh Wadsworth Your Humble servt

NEHEMH HUBBARD

[Superscribed] To Christopher Leffingwell Esq Mercht Att Norwich

[Indorsed] Nehemiah Hubbard April 10th 1776

JOHN PARKE TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge April 15 1776

Sir

I sent forward a Letter to you respecting the Teams which I suppose you have not received. Mr Abbot is now

with me; & informs me that you are able to supply me with Teams. The want of them has retarded us very much; a Committee from the General Court, made two ineffectual Efforts to assist us. But notwithstanding which we are still in a deplorable Situation. We shall find Employ for as many Teams as you can send: I shall want, for my own Department, twenty two. Doctor Morgan will require fifteen, for his Medicine, in the whole about forty.

As soon as they can be dispatch'd, I shall be the sooner able to come forward. You will therefore please to send them to Cambridge with all speed. I shall leave a proper Person to assist in loading them, & giving the Teamsters, their Instructions & shall set out for Norwich, on thursday next. Mr John Hopkins is the Person whom I shall entrust; & a Letter to him concerning the Business will be properly attended to.

Your most Oblig
humble Servt
JOHN PARKE

[Superscribed] To Joshua Huntington Esquire Norwich favord by Mr Abbot
[Indorsed] Majr John Parks Letter Apl 15 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

New York 22 April 1776.

Hond Sir

You heard at Lebanon of my Setting out from thence for Wethersfield where we arrived in good Season but were detained there untill Wednesday Morning by the Rain. we lodged at Milford that night the Next night at Hunts Horse-neck within 28 miles of New York, on Fryday we were in here to Dinner. at present I am at Mrss Airys where I shall remain for a few Days untill I know what the Destination of my Regiment will be. four Regimts sailed Yesterday with a fair Wind for Albany. Poor's, Pattersons, Bonds, Greatons, under the Command of Brigd General Thomson. it is thought that another Brigade will follow them soon,

the General expects Orders from Congress this Day respecting that matter. only Six of my Companies are in. General Spencer has not yet arrived nor any of the Field Officers of Parsons & Wyllys's Regiments. if Commisary Trumbull should order the Flour under your Care to this Place, had not you better undertake to procure the same Quantity ready to his Hands here and make the best of that in your Hands it may be bought here for 2 Dollars ℔ Ct or under. Please to order Benjamin Backus to send me all the Black Ribbonds he has on Hand by first safe Conveyance and direct them to Mr Vandervoort for me. there are three ps in my Desk in the House. Bror Ebenr nor Mr Peck are yet in. Rum will fetch 7/ York. I will write You again as to sending mine here. from

Your affectionate Son
JED HUNTINGTON

Upon further Enquiry find that Rum has sold for 8/ I believe it best to send all I have & perhaps some of Yours rather than retail it at Home for 5/ Molasses will fetch 3/8 york As these Articles are wanted for the Army No Body can be offended in their being sent away from Norwich.

Honble Jz Huntington Esqr

[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esqr In Norwich
[Indorsed] Apl 26 1776 Colol Jed Huntington

SAMUEL OLCOTT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Hartford 25th April 1776.

Sr

Shall be much Obligd to you to Inform me by Mr Coit, Whom I Shall Apply to for Service of the five Sloops that Went as transports, you Doughtless Remember their tunnage 370 Tons. think it Just for me to be paid untill they Return here yr Complyance Will much Oblige yr Hum Sr

SAM OLCOTT

To Capt Joshua Huntinton

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntinton Norwich Mr Coit
[Indorsed] Saml Olcot Letter Apl 25 1776

THOMAS MIFFLIN TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New York 25 April 1776

Dear Sir

I writ to Captain Francis ten day ago by post & desir[d] him to draw on me for what Cash he wanted. As he probably did not receive my Letter I beg you to draw for such Sums as are necessary to defray the Expence of transporting the Men & Baggage of the Army from Norwich to this Place. If there are any Oats for me at Norwich pray send them forward with such other Articles as still remain behind.

You Ob S

THO MIFFLIN

[Superscribed] Joshua Huntington Esq at Norwich Col dyer

[Indorsed] Tho[s] Mifflin Letter Ap[l] 25 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Camp at New York 26 April 1776

Dear Sir

Six more Regiments under the Command of General Sullivan are to go to the Northward. Ervines & Waynes (Pensylvanians) Daytons & Wynds, of the Jerseys & whose the other two are I am not able to tell you now. the Day before Yesterday Morning a Soldier was found dead laying at the Door of one of the *bad* Houses in this City. the night following a Number of his Comrades (of Col: M[c]Dougal & Col: Ervines Battalions) riotously undertook to avenge his Death by pulling down the House where the deceased was found laying, and were going on to demolish all the other Houses of like Fame but were prevented by Col: Mifflin & some others. this Day at Noon in Sight of a Number of Principal Officers they renewed the Attack, but were soon dispersed or confined. Examples will be made of some of the Ring leaders to terrify the others. except this Instance there has scarcely been the least Disorder in the City since the Troops came here. next Week we are all

going into Tents a Little back of the City. I think it strange that two of my Companies are not yet in I should have stood a Chance of going to Quebec, if my Regt had been together, which would not have been displeasing.

27th the Regiments under Orders for Quebec are the four mentioned above & Starks & Reeds of New Hamshire. One of our Continental Cruisers has taken a Ship bound from Virginia for Glasgow loaded with Scotch Tories & their Effects to the Amount, it is said, of 50000 pds

I have a Minute made of 5/ borrowed of you one Day at Fathers Desk when I was last at Home. did you ever charge it to me? if not, you will take Care to get it. I remain

Your affectionate Brot
JED HUNTINGTON

My Love to Sister &C &C
Capt Joshua Huntington
[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington In Norwich
℔ Favour Mr Howe
[Indorsed] Colo Jedh Huntington Letter Ap 26 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp at New York 29 April 1776

Dear Sir

I have your Favour of 21st ℔ Col: Abbot, have made some Enquiry about Insurance but cannot as yet find that there is any one that underwrites in this City. a Gentlemen from Philadelphia who lodges with me tells me it may be had in Philada but at a very high Premium he thinks not under 50 ℔ Cent. I will make further Enquiry & inform You. there is no Probability of my going further Southward it is not unlikely I may be ordered for Quebec. there is Talk of sending some Troops to Detroit. A Dearth of News prevails at present. the Protest of the Lords to the prohibitory Act is much admired. Give my tenderest Regards to Sister. I pray she may have cumforting Prospects of another Life whilst the Things of this Life are fading

before her. my Love & Respects to all Friends I remain your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich ℔ Favour Col Abbot

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington April 29 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp at New York 29 Apl 1776

Hond Sir

Your Favour of 21st I have, and observe the Contents. there is Nothing said of any of this Army's going to the Southward, but many think the greatest Part of it will be ordered to the Northward. I spoke to Col: Trumbull about the Money you mention, he says the Troops now going to Quebec will take away all his Cash, but that he shall be able to pay you by the Time you are at Hartford and desires you would send him an Acco as near as you can what the Ballance due you will be. my Love & Duty to Mother &C &

remain your affecte Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Hon: Jabez Huntington Esqr

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntington Apl 29 1776

EBENEZER FRANCIS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge May ye 2d 1776

Dear Sir

These Lines are to Enform you that I am in good Health at Present As I Hope these Lines will find you & family in as good Health as I am I Have not Recd any Letter from you Since I Came away & Should be very glad to Hear from you I Have wrote to you by Doctor Giles Pray write & let me know How affairs go on at Norwich & N London I have Not Recd any Letter from Col. Mifflin Since I Came away from Norwich if I Hear Nothing from you nor Col. Mifflin I Shall Set off as Soon as Next monday

week if I am alive & well you will Send Ben if you have occasion Do write me word whether Col. Abbitt gets his money he went after or not I beleive I Can Draw What I want here of Mr Jonathan Williams agent I am now in ye office & they Come in very fast & I am obliged to pay off a Great many of ye Carters I am very much hurried at present I want to See you very much Do get Ready to go on to york with me Genr ward is a going to Resign which seems to be very agreable to ye People my Best Compliments to mrs Hunting there is two Ships Lays Down by ye Light House there was 3 Coasering Shipes Came in to Day we have nothing more New at present here there is a Great talk of a good many troops Coming but I Dont beleive any of it Please to Supply adam with Some money to Carry him to york Nothing more at present I am your sincere Friend & well wisher

EBENR FRANCIS

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington at Norwich Agent

[Indorsed] Cap Ebenr Francis Letter May 20 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp New York 5 May 1776.

Hond Sir

I have yours of 29th April. as to the two hheads of Rum which is 2 or 3 Year old I should think would sell at Home a 6/ ℔ Gallon if so it will be better than to send it here. the last Enquiry I made about Flour it was at 2 dollars or under. I can let you have one thousand Dollars at least, perhaps more. I cannot improve Sam so as to get any Thing for his Service. I should think as he has commenced a Sailor it will be best to continue him so untill an Opportunity presents of selling him. Nothing material to write you further I remain

Your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Honble Jabez Huntington

[Indorsed] Colo Jedh Huntingtons Letter May 5th 1776

EBENEZER GRAY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

N York May 6th 1776

Sir

Lt Bill desired me to inclose the within Power to you and desire you to do the Best for him that you Could. no News, all remain as you left us, that you and I may live to have Peace restored to our dear Native Country and the sound of War no more heard among us is the sincere desire & prayer of your Friend & Humbe Servt

EBENR GRAY

P S. my best respects to your Wife & Family ut Supra

E. G.

[Superscribed] To Lieutt Joshua Huntington Mercht at Norwich

[Indorsed] Danl Gray Letter N Y 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Camp, New York 7 May 1776

Dear Sir

I should be glad you would send me all the Rum I have on hand I should think it best that all Fathers should come too. We hear much of Thousands & Ten-thousands of Mercenary Troops near at Hand, but the Tidings have much the same Effect as they used to produce when you was in the Army, that is, putting the Men into good Spirits. We have in the City and near it Eighteen Regiments besides the Regt of Artillery & some Independant Companies. hope you will soon find Leisure to visit us my Love to Sister & remain your affecte

Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington In Norwich ℔ Capt Harris

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington May 7 1776

EBENEZER FRANCIS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Cambridge May ye 7th 1776

Dear sir

These are from your old friend to Let you know that I am well if you Cannot get money from york to pay y^e^ Charges at Norwich & New london which must be paid before we go on to york Do Write me word & how much you think will be wanting for that purpose Exclusive of paying for y^e^ shipping & I will try to Draw it here if you Send me word before I Come away wich will be as Soon as this Day week if I Hear Nothing more from Col. Mifflin nor you & if you want some money for that purpose You had better Send Benj^a^ Shaw Down & write by him Particular I Have not Received any Lines from you Since I Came here I shall Take one as a favour I want to get Back Very much tell Ben. his father & family is well if you Dont Send him I shall bring his shirts when I Come from your Hub^l^ S^vt^ & Asured friend

EBEN^R^ FRANCIS

[Superscribed] To Cap^t^ Joshua Huntington at Norwich Agent

[Indorsed] Eben^r^ Francis Letter May 7 1776

* Pray Sir send on Adam Moir y^e^ Waggoner to york & not let him Return Here & if he says that he has Left any thing Let him write & I will send it on but send him forward at all Events.

EBEN^R^ FRANCIS

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp at New York 7 May 1776

Dear Sir

In the late Election of an additional Number of Representives for the Province of Pensylvania, three out of four of the City Members are against Independance but the Choice in the Country has been much the other Way so that it is now Expected that Colony will count one among

* Written on a separate slip of paper.

the Number for Independance which leaves New York New Jersey & Maryland the only Governments that are supposed to be of a different Sentiment.

it seems as if West India Goods could be very high. they talk of 10/ for West India & 7/ for New England Rum Molasses has sold for 4/8. In my last I disired You to distill what Molasses I have & send me the Rum which I think will do well. My most affectionate Remembrance to Sister. I remain Your loving Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington In Norwich ℔ Capt Harris

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington Letter May 7th 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp, New York 11 May 1776

Dear Sir

An Insurance Office is lately opened at Philadelphia, I have sent to know the Price of Premiums to the West Indies. Col. Trumbull, Col. Mifflin & Lady are going down this Day. It is said Congress have taken off all Restraints on the Prices of Goods that by their consequent Rise, Adventurers here & abroad may be induced to bring us Supplies upon which I am told great Numbers at Philadelphia are fitting out Vessels. Salt sells there @ 2 Dollars ℔ Bushell. Sugar is between five & Six Pounds ℔ hundred. it is expected that by Fall we shall have most Articles in much greater Plenty. my Landlady tells me she has just given a Dollar for a ps Dutch Lace whh she used to buy for 2/6. by last Accounts from Philadelphia the Roebuck of 44 Guns & Liverpool of 28 were warmly attacked by 3 armed Vessells & all the Gallies in Delaware & twas expected the former would be made Prizes. my tenderest Affections are exercised for Sister. your loving Bror

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich ℔ Capt Edgerton

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntingtons Letter May 11th 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp New York 21. 1776

Hon^d Sir

I have your Favour of the 12th May. The Death of Sister Lucy has made one more wide Breach in our late happy Family, though it ought to check our Grief that she left such good Evidences of her Interest in a better World. I pray I may not be inattentive to this repeated Call to me, but amidst the Bustle of Life, think to happy Purpose, on the Things of another. wish to hear that Sister Betsey is recovered of her Indisposition, I am sure Mothers visit will go a good Way towards effecting it. We have great News from Quebec every Day, but so circumstantialy contradictory that I will not trouble you with any Part of it. I purchased a Ream of pretty good Paper for 50/ this Money and sent it down to Ingraham but he was gone a few Minutes before the Servant got to the wharf I shall probably put on board Harris. I have not sent any of the cheap Kind for Want of Time to get it on board the Schooner.

Your affect Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Hon^ble Jabez Huntington Esq^r Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Col^o Jedediah Huntington Letter 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp New York 21 May 1776

Dear Sir

I have your two Letters of the 14th & 15th May & observe the Contents I am sorry my Hurry for some Days past and which still continues (paying of my Regiment) prevents me writing You so fully as I should be glad to do, I shall improve the first Leisure. the Death of your truly valuable & dear Wife must be very affecting although there was for many Days no Expectations of her Recovery it is a Providence that calls for the Exercise of every Grace and I sincerely pray You may drink deep of the Fountain of all

Grace on this Occasion & be put forward in the great Business of Living well. Your Loss is undoubtedly her Gain. it is happy for You that You may mourn with Hope. I have sent a Rheam Paper ℔ Ingraham for Father it cost 50/ this Money, if he chuses to have any more, he will write me. as West India Articles will not be lower I have turned every thing sent me into Store in Hopes they will be higher. but distilled Spirits such as you mention I believe will not answer very well as they are large here in that way. I will make Inquiry & inform You: Col: Trumbull is at Philadelphia I can get no Intelligence of Capt Wattles, but will write him. I have not had Time to look after the Rum hhd you write for. Will do it Tomorrow if the Schooner does not go away before. Adj: Genl Gates is appointed a Major General & Col: Mifflin is a Brigadier General. We are Very busily at Work completing our Fortifications to recieve the Strangers whom we expect to visit us. Your affecte Sympathizing Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

*Wrote an Answer 28th May

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington May 21 1776

JOHN DESHON TO EBENEZER FRANCIS.

New London May 22d 1776

Dear Sir

you have here anexed a Coppy of the assesment of the Damages done to the houses in this Town by the Continentall Troopes.

there is no alowance in this assesment for the use of the houses, and the Damages is Really much more than what is here anexed tho Very far less than what the Proprietors of the houses Set them at in General, I hope you will not Dispute these Damages but order them paid which will put an End to a Dispute with the Proprietors

I am Sir your Very Humbl Servt

JOHN DESHON

To Captn Ebenezar Francis

*Written on back of letter.

An Estimate of Damages Sustaind by the Several Proprieters of the houses herafter Mentioned by the Continental Army in New London on their March to New York

Viz^{t}	John Prentis house		£6	
	Duncan Stewarts		3	
	Widow Latemore		1	10
	Amos Hallam		8	
	Edw^{d} Hallams		2	
	Christ^{r} Christophers		3	
	Person Graves			12
	Joseph Trumans			12
	Henry Jepsons		1	
	Benj^{n} Billings		4	10
	Sam^{l} Calkins			10
	Rich^{d} Law Esq			12
	Silass Church		1	10
	Ichabud Power (?)			10
	Jonathan Brooks		2	
	John Bradick		4	
	Dan^{l} Deshon		1	10
	David Manwaring		6	10
	Thom^{s} Allen		6	10
	Widow Bulkly house	Damaged	2	
	Titus Hurlbut	D^{o}		12
	Sam^{l} Gardiners	D^{o}	1	
	Russel Hubbards	2 houses	1	10
	James Lamfiers			10
	Widow Talmans			6
	Stephen Holts			8
	Jos. Coits			8
	Nath^{l} Shaw Jun^{r}			6
	Sam^{l} Champlins			12
	Capt^{n} Crockers			14
	Jonathan Starrs		1	10
	John Deshons		1	
			£64	12

New London May 1776

Jos Hurlbert
Guy Richards } Aprisers
Eben^R Way Jun^r

A Coppy

[Superscribed] To Capt^n Ebenezar Francis at Col^o Jedidiah Huntingtons Quarters New York

[Indorsed] Cap^t Jn^o Deshon Letter to Cap^t Ebenz^r Francis May 22. 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Camp New York 22^d May 1776

Dear Sir

We have lost our worthy Sister Lucy Let not either the Cares or Pleasures of Life seduce us from a pious Solicitude about the important Business of dying. I hear it is a sickly & dying Time at Norwich but perhaps not true. we have a Town full of News but it seems to want Authenticity so I forbear putting any of it in a Letter. We begin to be formidable in our Works of Defence, they are curiously & substantially executed & in general well planned. will you not come & satisfy yourself. my Love to Sister &C & am your affect^e Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Capt Jos: Huntington

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Colo Jed^h Huntington Letter May 22 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp New York 22^d May 1776

Dear Sir

having an Interval of Leisure between Business I gladly improve it in writing you another short Letter. I never knew what it was to be much affected with the Sorrows of my Friends on account of the Loss of those near & dear to them untill I was called to part with my beloved

Partner, her kind and agreable Deportment often presents itself to me in the most moving Colours, I find it hard at such Times to be reconciled to her Departure, but then again I consider that it is of infinite Consequence that I eye the Hand of my Sovereign in a proper Light that I may assure myself from his holy Word that his Wisdom & his Goodness have as great a Part in his Dealings as his Power althou' the latter is most observable by poor weak sighted Mortals. it is good for us undoubtedly to bear the Yoak in our Youth if we are not wanting to ourselves in making a suitable Improvement of Affliction it ought by all Means to set us loose from the Injoyments of Time & Sense & to make us wish to receive no greater Share of them than will help us on in our religious Warfare. have we not been too inquisitive after a Happiness which the World cannot give? I am sure it has been the Case with me. I hope it will be less & less so with both of us whilst we are so sensibly experiencing the Vanity of Such Pursuits in the Death of our lovely Companions who ministred in large Measure to our Cumfort & Happiness. a few Years will put a Period to every Kind & Degree of Felicity here. it behoves us then with unabating Ardour to contemplate & aim at that State which will be happy & glorious without Interuption or End. give my Love to your Little Ones who will never fully know their Loss as they have not lived long enou' with to put a just Value on the Blessing of such a Mother as they had.

A French Vessell with about 12 Tons of Powder & 500 Stand of Arms coming into this Port has fallen into the Hands of our Enemies at the Hook throu' the Indiscretion of the Captain.

A Vessell with Dutch Goods such as Linnens &C is just arrived & the Cargo all sold to one Retailer. European Goods appear to me to be plentier in the City than when I first came here, it is expected they will be plentier yet before Christmas.

Brandy sells @ 7/6 Clove Water &C @ 5/.

I cannot find any Price for Cherry Rum.

27 May

Yours of the 18th is to hand. I am anxious to hear of your little Daughter. wish You all Patience under Your Tryals. that, thou' they are grievous for the present, they may in the End be spiritualy joyous. that the Event of Hannah's Illness may be better than Your Fears. Mr Comy Trumbull is not yet in from Philad. I hear Insurance in & out to the W. Indies is made @ 50 ℔ Cent. I shall know more certainly when he comes.

I remain Your affect & Sympathizing Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

All the Empty Rum hhd are buying up by the Comy Genl

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington May 22 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Camp New York 22d May 1776

Dear Sir

I have not acknowledged your Favour of the 7 inst. As to fitting out the Brig leave it wholy with your Prudence. I shall advise to insure up, which may be done at Philadelphia I have recd Fathers of the 3d May. shall let Col Trumbull know the Ballance due on Acct of Flour as soon as he returns from Philadelphia Our worthy General is gone to Philadelphia by Order of Congress. I am most

affectionately Your Br

JED HUNTINGTON

To Mr Jos: H

[Superscribed] To Mr Joshua Huntington Mercht Norwich

[Indorsed] Colo Jedh Huntington Letter May 22 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp New York May 31 1776

Hond Sir

I think I have none of your Letters unanswered, this serves to inform You I am in usual Health. Brother Joshua

has returned from Philadelphia & is waiting the Return of General Mifflin who promised to be in by Saturday Night. Brother expects to set out for Home Monday Morning, Mr Fanning will accompany him. I wrote Capt. Wattles a few Posts ago to the Care of Crouch & Gray I hope an Answer from him or them will give some Information of the Reason of his Long Delay.

A signal was this Day made from below of the Arrival of a Man of War at the Hook, the Inhabitants were as much alarmed as if they were in no Expectations of such a thing's happening.

June 1st this Day many of the Merchants are sending their Rum &C up to Albany throu' Fear of the Enemy in Consequence of last Nights Alarm for it was reported early this Morning that five ships were arrived at the Hook. I wish something or other might frighten almost ever Inhabitant out of the City for we do not know Who are Friends or Foes or whether there are any of the former—*this between Friends.*

just hear that Gen. Mifflin is not expected to day, perhaps you will not see Bror so soon as you might have expected as he chooses to see Genl Mifflin before he leaves this. I want to know whether Mother has ever been to visit Mother Trumbull since I left Home. she was very desirous of it. I am glad to hear the very unanimous Choice of Governour & Deputy Governour as it is an implicit Approbation of last Years Administration of which they have been at the Head. I have sent you two Ream of ordinary Paper which cost 40/ this Mony ℔ Ream. The hundred Dollars which I let Ebenr have at Roxbury still stands in my Minute Book. it will be best to transfer it into our Ledgers. he recd it 20th March.

3d June. Genl Washington, Col. Trumbull &C not yet in from Phila. no News.

I remain Your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington Letter May 31 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp New York 1 June 1776

Dear Sir

I have yours of 21st ult° As to the Molasses which I proposed to have distilled I am willing should remain in Statu quo for the present. The Prize taken by Capt Mugford proves to be a very valuable One it was followed by an unhappy Event in the Death of the brave Captain. we should be glad of more good Arms, Powder we are well supplied with. I have desired Mr Huntington to dispose of your Cheese & Cydar as I have not Time to do much Business except what relates to my Regiment. we are very busily employed in making Preparations to receive the Enemy. putting Arms in Order. exercising the Men &C. the Brandy have ordered into Store. have been expecting that Rum &C would continue to rise but cannot say how it will turn out. 3d June considerable Quantities of Rum are arrived from Philadelphia for a Market here whilst the Merchants here are sending their Rum to Albany throu' Fear of the Enemy the Price stands from 9/ to 9/6

I remain Your affectionate Bror

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington June 1t 1776

NATHANIEL BARBER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston June 4. 1776

Sir,

By Order of The Honble Major General Ward, have sent to your care, the following Stores

Powder	500	barrels
Carbines Compleat	500	In 20 Chests
Sand bags	10,000	In 20 bales
Musket ball	40	boxes

Inclosed you have receipts for the same, I wish them to you in Safety & am with respect

Sir, your most Obedient
& very humˡ servant
NATHᴸ BARBER JUNᴿ

JOSHUA HUNTINGTON Esqʳ

[Superscribed] On American Service To JOSHUA HUNTINGTON Esqʳ at Norwich Favour'd by Captⁿ Putnam

[Indorsed] Nathˡ Barber Letter 1776

BERIAH BILL'S AUTHORIZATION.

I do hereby Authorise and fully impower Lᵗ Joshua Huntington to receive all such sums of Money as shall be or now is allowed to me (which is not received) for my pay as an Officer in Gen'l Putnams or the third Regiment of Foot raised by the Colony of Connecticutt in May A D 1775 and his receipt shall be a full discharge from me my Heirs &c as Witness my hand this 4th Day of June A D 1776

BERIAH BILL

in Presence of

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp, NEW YORK June 9 1776

Hondˢ Sir

Broʳ Joshua bid me Farewell on Fryday Eve with an Intention of going out early the next Morning have not seen him since so conclude he is far advanced on his Way Homewards. Col. Read of Philadelphia who was the Generals Secretary last Fall is appointed to General Gates's Place Col. Trumbull will be glad of your Accᵒ. Broʳ can inform you what Commˢ to charge. I desire Mʳ Fanning would bring me a P Trowsers I have, made of Furniture Check. it will be a Satisfaction to me to see a List of the Officers of your new Regiments.

Your dutifull son
JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To The Honᵇˡᵉ JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esqʳ In Norwich

[Indorsed] Colᵒ Jed: Huntington Letter June 9th 1776

NATHANIEL BARBER, JR., TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston June 10. 1776

Sir,

Inclosed you have receipts for twelve Chests of Carbines, which I wish safe to hand & am with respect

your most humⁱ Servant

NATHᴸ BARBER Junᴿ

Joshua Huntington Esqʳ

[Superscribed] Joshua Huntington Esqʳ at Norwich

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp New York 11th June 1776

Hondˢ Sir

I send you by Lieut Perkins two Pennsylvanian Magazines. shall send You more of them. there are many Things in them worth reading. Accounts from our Army at the Northward are very discouraging. the General is greatly chagrined at the Conduct of the Troops, the Behaviour of Officers & Men was dastardly. he can't help turning a thought upon the Soldiers he has about him and suppose they may be no better when put to the Tryal. he exhorts us with much Anxiety to determine to be prepared & resolute at all Events, suggesting to Us the fatal Consequences which will attend a Defeat at this Post I hope we shall prove better than his Fears. Broʳ Eben has finally obtained his Commission & I suppose will command his own Company. The last Express from the Northward left General Thomas at the Point of Death with the small Pox it is said General Woorster is on his Way to Congress. I should be glad to have sent me by Mʳ Fanning or some other good Oppʸ two midling Towells & a pˢ green Bearskin which I had for Table Cloath at Roxbury. my Love & Duty to Mother &C & remain

Your dutifull son

JED HUNTINGTON

Honᵇˡᵉ Jabez Huntington Esqʳ

[Superscribed] To The Honᵇˡᵉ Jabez Huntington Esqʳ In Norwich ℔ Lieut Perkins

[Indorsed] Colᵒ Jedediah Huntington Letter June 11 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp, New York June 13 1776

Hond Sir

I have none of your Favours unanswd The present House of Assembly in Pennsylvania have withdrawn their Instructions to their Delegates in Congress respecting Independence. Eight of Eleven Counties in that Colony have resolved to set aside their old Governments and constitute a new one. I ought to have placed the last mentioned Article of News before the first as it was prior to it & productive of it. the House of Assembly some Time ago unwillingly conceeded that an Addition of Members should be made to their Number in Hopes of preventing a Convention and now with the same Views they have withdrawn their Restrictions from the Delegates. but all will not do, the Voice is against them, and they will be obliged to give Way to a more righteous & equal Representation. one or two Mobish Altercations have happened between the Whig & Tory Parties in this City which extended to hard Blows, some of the Army imprudently meddled. in future they will not take any Part in these Contentions unless properly called upon.

16th. you see by the Papers how far short of the Demands of Congress this Colony has come in furnishing their Militia at the present Crises instead of marching to this Place they have only ordered them reviewed & to stand ready. the City Militia however have agreed to be all ready,

21st to give everyone their due I now inform You that this Colony are drafting their Militia agreable to Resolve of Congress & seem to act with Spirit. I have recd Your Favour of 11 June. I shall dispose of the Rum as soon as a purchaser appears, just now the Buyers are at a stand. Brother Ebenr is now in Camp & more out of the Way of Company which were expensive. I believe for a while he was not aware how his Expences would rise. in future am in Hopes that he will make his outgoings square with his Incomings *at least*, if not have some Saving.

General Gates is ordered to Northward with Ample Powers from Congress to place & displace almost as he pleases.

my Love to Mother &C I remain Your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Col° Jedediah Huntington's Letter June 13 1776

FITCH & COLT TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NEW HAVEN June 14th 1776

Sir,

In pursuance of Orders from Josh Trumbull Esqr Comy Genl have shiped you what Flour we had in Store belonging to the United Colonies viz, Fifty Cask mark'd *F C* for ourselves, Forty one mark'd *M* for Thos Mumford Esqr of Groton, & Fourteen mark'd *I W* for Jeremiah Wadsworth Esqr of Hartford. for which you'll please to give Seperate Recpts expressing both the Number of Cask & the weight. You'll doubtless receive Order from Mr Trumbull with reguard to the Disposition of the Flour.

We are, Sir, your most obedt humе Servants

FITCH & COLT

Mr JOSHUA HUNTINTON

[Superscribed] To Mr JOSHUA HUNTINTON Mercht Norwich

[Indorsed] Messrs Fitch & Colt June 14 1776

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WETHERSFIELD June 21 1776

My Dear Brother

Before this you will undoubtedly hear of your appointment as a Captain in Col Seldens Regiment destined to reinforce the Army at N York. Your friends & acquaintance (who are not a few) wished & attempted to put you one step at least higher. But one reason & another was brot why such & such an one should be preferd. one not the

least plausible was that one already of your Brothers was in high Command, & another in a good birth. I could wish that such reasons might never operate against good men. But I hope you will without hesitation accept your Commission & go with us. Without doubt we shall be station^{d} near together. We were sorry not to see you in your Return from N York. Our best wishes attend you all. M^{rs} Chester Joins me in Love to her Brother & his Lady & in sutabl salutations to all Friends

I am Your Affectionate Bro^{r}

JOHN CHESTER

Cap^{t} HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Cap^{t} JOSHUA HUNTINGTON Norwich

[Indorsed] John Chester Letter June 21 1776

COPY OF GENERAL ORDERS.

S^{r}

As the greatest Expedition is requird in rasing & forwarding the regement to be under your Command for the New-York Department, you are hereby orderd to give your earliest & utmost Attention to the raising & forwarding said Regement & to give proper Orders to all Officers necessary for that purpose & that the Soldiers be well provided & equiped & that there be no delay in marching forward as soon as they or any of them to the number of Twenty five of a Company are ready & musterd, & that a proper Officer or Officers of the Company according to the Number marching go forth with them & also a Field Officer or Officers according to the number marching from each Regement take the Command of such Parties march forward to New-York & give Notice two or three days before their coming to the General or other proper Officer in the Army that Provisions may be made for subsisting & disposing of them in proper Places.

Hartford June 23^{d} A D 1776

JAMES WADSWORTH JUN^{R} Brig^{r} Gen^{l}

N. B. Muster Masters appointed are Maj. S^{t} John M^{r} Pierpoint Edwards Cap^{t} Lynde Lord Col^{n} Gurdon Salton-

stal Col^{n} Erastus Wolcot Maj. Brown of Coventry Col^{n} Mathew Talcot

Col^{n} SAMUEL SELDEN

Copy General Orders

WILLIAM YEAMONS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NEWP^{T} 24th June 1776

Sir

yours of the 19th by Cap^{n} Elip. Edgerton with a bb^{l} of Lintseed Oil, I rec^{d} and agreeable to your Inclosed bill & Cett have paid him £7 1 9 L. M. & Fr^{t} for w^{ch} am greatly Obliged, as well to M^{r}. Jer^{h} Clemment to whom please to make my Respects. I am with Regards

Y^{r} Most H^{ble} Serv^{t}

WM YEAMONS

To M^{r} JOSH HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To M^{r} JOSHUA HUNTINGTON Merch^{t} Norwich

[Indorsed] Wm Yemons Letter June 24 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp, NEW YORK June 24, 1776.

Hon^{d} Sir

I have yours of the 12th & 17th & observe the Contents. As to Sam, I cannot get him into the Army without transgressing a Rule of Congress which forbids the inlisting Negroes unless they have Certificates from their Masters of their Freedom. I have no Expectations of going Northward myself, but if I could find any Body that would take him to Albany I think it would be best to send him there for Sale. I am rejoiced to hear that the Assembly were so chearfull in voting the Number of Troops called for. I doubt not our Colony will in some Way or other be rewarded for its extraordinary Exertions in the Publick Cause. I should advise the recruiting Officers not to enlist, at least not to pay, any transient Fellows who may offer themselves, as they will only deceive them & run away with the publick Money, there are many of that Character who have engaged & taken Money in several Corps & immediately deserted. for the Sake of a Little ready

Money they will risque the Smart of a few Lashes (Shame they have none). indeed if they stay in Service they are (to use a vulgar Phrase) more Plague than Profit.

25th I suppose You have before this Time heard a great Deal of the Conspiracy of our Enemies against the Lives of all the General & principal Officers. the Mayor of the City and some of the Generals own Guard have a Hand in it. the Particulars of this horrid Plot are not made known. the General keeps them to himself for the better making further Discoveries. had the Enemy arrived a few Days ago, it is probable that a Part if not the whole of their wicked Designs wou'd have been carried into Execution. it would have been a malancholy Event and perhaps fatal to our Cause to be deprived of our Commander in Chief & especially if all the other Generals had fallen with him. God, in his abundant mercy has seen fit to disappoint the Malice & Rage of our cruel Foes. The General has recd an unwellcome Letter from the Army at the Northward. he thinks proper to keep the Contents as much to himself as he can Genl Thomson, Col. Irwin of Pennsylvania & about 20 others are made Prisoners. A Small Schooner of 4 Guns only commanded by Lieut Pond of Capt Perrits Company has taken one of the Scotch Transports with Troops & carried her into a Port on the back of Long Island. the Soldiers are coming over the Island & are expected to day. he took a small Tender that was escorting the Ship it is supposed that this Transport is one that was taken by Capt Biddle & afterwards retaken by the Tender before mentioned. it is to be presumed that our Enemies will attack upon the River St Lawrence & on this Coast at the same Time. if they are in the River, as we hear, we ought to look for them in this Place very soon. General Gates, with his Suite &C sail for Albany this Day. we most heartily wish them the Smiles of Heaven. I send You three more Magazines. my Regards to all as is due & remain

Your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Hon: Jabez Huntington

[Indorsed] Colo J. Huntington Letter June 24th 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp, New York June 25th 1776

Dear Sir

I have your Favour by Mr Fanning. I am rejoiced to hear from Wattles after so long a Time; buying & selling seems to be almost at a Stand Your Rum & Brandy must lye a few days. When the Additional Troops come in, if the Enemy don't get us all, there will be a new Demand for Spirituous Liquors. I believe Insurance cannot be had at present at any Rate. Indeed I could wish we might not be permitted to send out any eatables least they should fall into the Enemies hands. I think there is a better Prospect of making Money from Privateering than trading. As to engaging in the Service, considering there are two of us already in, & you have two small Children to take Care of, I hope you will not. there is no Commission under a Field Officers that will more than support any One to live as well as you have been wont to. I could rather wish, for the Sake of the Comfort of our Circle (which is now much broken) & for the Sake of your Children, to see you, as soon as Decency will permit, united with some agreable Person. I believe the Community is as well served abroad as it is at Home. by all I hear there is much Want of Wisdom Prudence & Steadiness to keep Things right. Old Men, Boys & perhaps in some Places even Women will be obliged to go into the Fields of Harvest that the Men may be spared for the Field of Battle. but let us be willing to submit to any Inconveniences & Hardships rather than not make a vigorous Defence at this critical Time. from your affecte Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich ℔ Capt Perkins

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington June 25 1776

SAMUEL SELDEN TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Sr

Inclosd you have a copy of the Generals Orders, And you are hereby orderd, to take care to conform to them, & suffer no delay, but with the assistance of your other Officers, give all diligence to raise, & equip your company, & proceed, when properly musterd, to New York according to General orders: you are hereby orderd to give notice to the commanding Officer, of the Regement, two or three days before your march, of the number ready for marching, that the General may be notified thereof.

SAM SELDEN Col

Lyme June 26 A D 1776

Capt Joshua Huntington Norwich

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington at Norwich

[Indorsed] Saml Selden Letter June 27 1776

SAMUEL SELDEN TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Lyme June 27th 1776

Sr

I have Sent my Son to Norwich to get Some Articules to fix me for the Campain woul beg your Directions to him where they may be had Should be glad Sr to hear what Success you have in Raising Soldiers at Norwich and the Towns of Preston & Stonington and when any party of Soldiers will be Ready for Marching according to the Generls orders

From yr Humbl Servt

SAM SELDEN

Capt Joshua Huntington Norwich

N B. the company in East Haddam have about 70 Soldiers inlisted

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington at Norwich pr Charles Selden

[Indorsed] Saml Selden Letter June 27 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Camp New York June 27 1776.

Dear Sir

I have let Mr Fanning have some Money for Capt Perkins. Please to send me my Saddle ℔ first Opportunity. One Hicky, an Irishman, of the Genl Guard who was in Capt Chesters Company last Campain is condemned to dye for his being concerned in the Grand Plott others are to be tryed. from your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Capt Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington Norwich

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington Letter June 27 1776

JAMES WADSWORTH TO SAMUEL SELDEN.

Durham June 29 A D 1776

Sr

In consiquence of orders receiv'd from General Washington you are hereby directed to give the necessary orders for expedeting the march of your Regement in manner heretofore directed as soon as they can possibly be musterd & equip't; and direct that your men are all furnish'd with Arms & that none are sufferd to go without; as it will be impossible to procure them at Head Quarters, & their service will consiquently be rendourd useless

JAMES WADSWORTH Jur Brigr Genl

Col'n Samuel Selden

Copy Brigr Genls Orders

Durham June 30th A D 1776 Sunday morning

Sr

Last evening by an express, I receivd another letter from General Washington requesting in the most pressing manner not to loose a moments time in sending forward the Regements designd for New York Must therefore direct that you give all possible attention to the raising equiping

& immediately sending forward your Regement in manner before directed, as the safety of our Army may under Heaven depend much on the seasonable arival of the Connecticut Regement

JAMES WADSWORTH JUN^{R} Brig^{r} Gen^{l}

Col^{n} SAMUEL SELDEN

Copy Brig^{r} Gen^{ls} Orders.

SAMUEL SELDEN TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

S^{r}

Inclosed you have Copy of Gen^{l} Wadsworths pressing orders to me for the raising equiping and marching the Regiment under my Command designed for New York. You are therefore directed and ordered to conform thereto and make no delay but give all possible attention and diligence to the raising equiping and mustering the Company under your Command designed for New York And you are to see to it that your men are all well provided with good fire arms &c and not to march without; and as scon as you have enlisted to the Number of Twenty five men of your Company and have them equipt and mustered you will give immediate notice there of to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment that some proper officer or Officers may be appointed to take the Command of them to New York

Given under my hand in Lyme this 30th Day of June 1776

SAM^{L} SELDEN COL^{N}.

Capt HUNTINGTON

N. B. *S^{r}* I have the Gen^{ls} Liberty for the Regiment to go by water if it shall be thought best and if your men go by water you will take care that there be no delay on account of Transports to transport them.

from your Humble Servt

SAM^{L} SELDEN

[Superscribed] To Capt JOSHUA HUNTINGTON at Norwich

[Indorsed] Colo Sam^{l} Selden Letter June 30 1776

DANIEL GRAY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

HARTFORD July 1st 1776

Sr

I have Sent you a Vessel Load of flower by Capt Webb as you will See by the Invoise in one Invoise you will See that there is 31 Barrels of fine Burrd which I took from Some Tories on Longisland I Desire you would put that by it self as it cost a Higher price till you hear from Coln1 Trumbull as I shall Acquaint him of the Matter

I am Sr yr Humble Servant

DANLL GRAY

[Superscribed] To Mr JOSHUA HUNTINGTON Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Dan1 Gray Letter July 1 1776

JONATHAN WILLIAMS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

BOSTON July 1st 1776

Sr

the 22d Ulto I Sent by Isaac Hide two Cases Containing 500 pr Sheose wh I hope Came Safe to hand. I now agreeable to the Q M G order Send to your Care two Cases more Containing five Hundred pr Sheose Which please to Ship as Soon as possible to the Adress of the Q M G at New York. I am With due Respect your Most Hble Servt

JONA WILLIAMS

N B Inclosed you have the Waggners Receipt

To JOSHUA HUNTINGDEN Esqr

Sir

have Recd the above Shoes of Mr Tiler as ℔ Rect Inclosed for which he wants his pay Wt 71 2. youl pleas to Settle with him as you think Best

GURDON BILL

[Superscribed] To JOSHUA HUNTINGDEN Esqr In Norwich ℔ Phenehas Tyler

[Indorsed] John Williams Letter July 1, 1776

JOSEPH WARD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston 4 July 1776

Sir

I am to inform you that agreeable to General Washington's Directions two hundred Carbines are this day sent forward to be lodged in your Care at Norwich, which are to be forwarded to New York with all expedition; together with the last three hundred (if they are already gone) If there should be any danger in conveying them by water His Excellency would have you send them to New York by land.

I am Sir Your Obedient
Humble Servant
JOSEPH WARD A D C

Joshua Huntington Esq[r]
[Superscribed] To Joshua Huntington Esq[r] at Norwich
[Indorsed] Joseph Ward Letter July 4 1776

NATHANIEL BARBER, JR., TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston July 4. 1776

Sir,

Inclosed you have receipts for Eight Chests of Carbines, q[t] one hundred & Nienty nine, which I wish Safe to hand & am with respect

Your most Hum[l] Servant
NATH[L] BARBER Jun[R]

8 Chests 199 Carbines
Joshua Huntington Esq[r]
[Superscribed] Joshua Huntington Esq[r] at Norwich

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp, New York July 7th 1776

Hon[d] Sir

I rec[d] Yours of the 1st this day. d[d] the inclosed to his Excellencys Aid de Camp. The Enemies Fleet consisting of about one hundred Ships of all Sorts are now lying under Staten Island where they have a good watering Place and enjoy to themselves about twelve or fourteen Miles Square

of Terra firma which is nearly the Contents of the Island, Inhabitants on it mostly Tories, the best of the Cattle were brought off, every Thing else remains for the Enemy. the Companies that were stationed there came off upon the first Arrival of the Enemy. Our Fortifications are nearly completed, on the Arrival of the Fleet both Officers & Men exerted themselves most industriously in forwarding the Intrenchments. Two Companies of Col Bradly's Regiment have been in several Days, Capt Abell commands one of them. the Jersey Militia have almost overrun us with their Numbers and are now returning except those that are to stay the Campain, General Howe has encamp'd one Regiment or more on Staten Island in plain Sight of us. they have been seen killing Beef, carting Hay &C. a small Family moving from the City to the Jerseys fell into their Hands.

Col: Trumbull now gives Six Pounds this Money for Pork.

Two Men have lost their Lives by Carelessness. a Soldier attempting to fire his Gun, it mist fire, he took it from his Shoulder & held it against his Breast to examine the Flint, it went off, struck him in the Breast & killed him instantly. another Soldier had his Piece on his Shoulder, a Second was playing with the Lock when it went off & killed a Sergeant who was behind them instantly. A Frenchman brou't from Quebec is now in Irons here on Suspicion of being the Person who murdered Col: Parson's Brother at Nova Scotia some Time ago.

8th the Prisoners in the new City Hall attempted to make an Escape, one of them knocked down the Centry with a Bucket & took away his Gun & fired it at the Sheriff but missed him, the Guard was called who fired at the Prisoners & killed one on the Spot, I understand he is one who was confined for the Murder of a Woman in the City.

I send You Remainder of Magazines for 1775.

I often think of the Pleasure I used to enjoy in roving my small & your large Fields at this fruitfull & agreable Season & returning with a hearty Welcome to my lovely

Family & Friends. the Scenes are widely different to which I am now called, but I desire in every Thing to rejoice that I & mine & the great Cause I am engaged in are in the Hands of an All-wise & gracious Sovereign, who I doubt not is accomplishing the great Designs of his Grace & Love to his People in general & to Individuals. The rapid Progress we have made in Politicks & Arms in the Course of 12 or 15 months I believe has no Parrallel in the History of any Country. and what another Year may bring forth it is impossible to know & perhaps will be vastly beyond what any one now conceives of.

You have heard before this of what has passed in Congress with Respect to Independence it was said that in the Com̄e of the whole House the Colonies stood 9 & 4 or 10 & 3 (that is N Y: Ph: & S: C: agst) better Accounts say the two first only were Neuter because not instructed by their Constituents. in the House it passed 12 to 1. N. Y. will be singular. several of the Regiments of Connect: Horse came in Yesterday & several Transports with Foot. no Want of Barracks as 7/8th of the Inhabitants are fled. an unhappy Obstacle has fallen in the Way of General Gates who is at Albany waiting for further Orders. his Command was confined to Cannada only, now it seems the Troops are retreated Within Gen^{l} Schylers Department who insists on holding the supreme Direction as General & Commisary, in Consequence of which Gen^{l} Gates proceeds no further & Col: Trumbulls Deputies are returning or will be soon. I hope Congress will see fit to call Gen^{l} S: as well as Gen^{l} Woorster to Philad: am in daily Expectation of seeing Bro^{rs} Chester & Joshua though I fear their Station will be too far from me to admit of the Familiarity which we enjoyed last Campain.

9th nothing new, I remain

Your dutifull & affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To The Hon^{ble} Jabez Huntington Esq^{r} Norwich

[Indorsed] Col^{o} Jed Huntington's Letter July 7 1776

SAMUEL SELDEN TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Lyme July 8th 1776

Sr

Recd your favour by Mr Huntington Hope you with the Assistance of your Other Officers will Loose no time in filling up your Company the 25 or 30 you propose Marching you will have them Musterd at New London I Expect there will be a Number of Companies at New London about the Same time I will Indeavour to be at New London to Morrow Evening I Should be glad if you would wright Down to New london if you Dont Come the Number you Sent and Certify that they are Equipt we have about 30 Soldiers apeice in two Companies that will go the Same time from Lyme & Saybrook you May Inform Capts Belcher & Witter that I Shall be at New London on wednesday & if there be any Directions Needfull I will then Indeavour to Give them

wishing you Good Success in filling up your Company Soon I am Sr with Respect your humle Sert

SAML SELDEN

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington at Norwich
[Indorsed] Saml Selden Letter July 8 1776.

JOHN BUTTERFIELD TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

To Mr Huntington Esqr Agent at Norwich

Sir,

Please to Pay the Bearer, Silas Clevland for the Transporting of Four Chests of Arms from this Place to Norwich. As he belongs there, and it will be Attended with Dificulty for him to come to Boston Again for his Pay. I Agreed with sd Cleveland at Six Shillings pr Hundred

Yours &c

JOHN BUTTERFIELD. W. M.

Boston July 11th 1776

[Superscribed] To Joshua Huntington Esqr att Norwich
[Indorsed] July 11. 1776 John Butterfield Letter

NATHANIEL BARBER, JR., TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston July 11. 1776

Sir,

Inclosed you have a receipt for 73 Fire Arms
60 Bayonets
73 Bayonet belts
73 Slings
73 Shott Pouches
50 Cartridge boxes
73 Knapsacks

I wish them safe to hand & am with respect
your most humⁱ Servant
NATHᴸ BARBER Junᴿ

Joshua Huntington Esqʳ

[Superscribed] To Joshua Huntington Esqʳ at Norwich

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp, New York July 14 1776

Hondᵃ Sir

I have the Pleasure to inform you that Brother Ebenʳ is upon a respectable Footing in his Regiment, the Enmity against him seem to be intirely subsided & I believe he gives good Attention to his Duty. Broʳ Chester came in Fryday

20th the Convention of this State have resolved that all who aid or cumfort our Enemies shall suffer the Pains of Death. they have put off the Matter of a new Government for the present, the toryfied in the House prevailed to have it postponed, the Whigs say they were willing to have it so, as they [ ]t that by & by they shall have better Grounds to build their new Constitution upon

The Antient & noble Colony of Virginia have settled their new Government, chosen their Governor &C. raised their Quota of Men, altered the Liturgy of the Church. & gone Home to their Farms.

I remain your dutifull & affectionate Son.

JED HUNTINGTON

my Love & best Respects to all as is due.

I believe the Rum will be sold in a few Days if there is no other Alarm.

Hon: JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

3 Men of War Lost on Charles Town Barr South Carolina 2 of 40 Guns & one of 50 by Letter from Mr Fanning Entirely Lost

[Superscribed] To The Honble JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esqr Norwich ℔ Fav: Capt Lord

[Indorsed] Colo Jedediah Huntington Letter July 14 1776

ELIPHALET LOCKWOOD TO JOSIAH HUNTINGTON.

NORWALK July 16. 1776

To. Mr Josiah Huntington Sr

By Order of Mr Daniel Gray I have Shiped on Board The Sloop John Daniel Jackson Master 99 Barrels of Flower Containing 189ll 2q 13l As pr Invoice hearwith Sent you which you will Please to Receive Paying him 1/6 Lawfull Money For the Freight pr Barrell I Am Sr Your Humе Servt

ELIPHALET LOCKWOOD

[Superscribed] To Mr JOSIAH HUNTINGTON Mercht at Norwich

[Indorsed] Elipht Lockwood Letter July 16 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp N YORK July 20 1776

Dear Sir

I think I have none of your Favours unanswered; I find it difficult to dispose of your Brandy, the Buyer says it has too much of the Cyder in it. the City is full of Brandy Brewers they all have their Connections with the Retailers that it is not easy to find a Purchaser. the Episcolian Churches were not open here last Sunday. in Virginia & Maryland they have altered their Liturgy according to their new State & go on in their Worship. The Constitution of

New Jersey which gives unlimited Tolleration to all religious Professions has struck the Quakers dumb, they have all along said that our Opposition to ministerial Measures was a presbeterian Scheme to tyeranize over all other Sects. I think the new Levies do very ill in not joining the Army as fast as they enlist. the End of their being raised was to have an *immediate* Augmentation, a little Delay may lose us every Thing. The Dysentery prevails in the Army, but I hope after every one has had his Seasoning we shall be healthy. The News from the Army at the Southward is good but from the opposite Quarter every Thing seems to be the contrary.

I remain your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich ℔ Favr Capt Lord

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington July 20 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp, New York, 27 July 1776

Dear Sir

I have sold your hhead Rum for 9/6 as ℔ Invoice within. & sent the Money ℔ St Keyes. the Market is so fluctuating & I am not able to watch it without neglecting my Duty, I have therefore put my own & Fathers Rum into the Hands of Mr Bates to dispose of. I have a Letter from Wattles which I inclose You. also a Letter from Bror Ebenr. We have good News from Virginia as well as from Carolina. I inclose you a Paper that contains it. I have advised Wattles to bring on the Indico to Connecticut it is probable he will be here in all next Week. you observe the Enemy in the North River landed at Peeks Kill and burnt a House it happens to be the Property of a strong Tory. from your affecte Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

Gals. out
107. 4. 103 a 9/6 is 48.18.6
122 Dollars is 48.16

2.6 due you this Currency, call on Backus for it.

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington Letter July 27 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp, New York July 27. 1776

Hond Sir

The Price of Rum is 9/6 & Molasses 4/ or 4/6 but very unsteady, have sold Bror Andrews Rum a 9/6 a few Days ago I offered it at 9/ & could get more than 8/. cant find the Price of Coffee or Cotton, there is very little of the latter, I believe the former is at about 2/ this Money. Oats are wanted & would sell well just now. Cydar has sold for 4 dollars lately. by an Intelligent Fellow belonging to Boston lately deserted from the Rose Frigate up the North River we learn that the Rose received Six 12 pound shot from our Batteries as she passed them which took off the Thigh of one Man & Leg of two others besides doing considerable Damage to the Ship what Damage the Phenix sustained he could not learn. there Design in going up was to destroy the two Frigates building at Poughkepsie & a large Quantity of Stores at Peek's Kill. there are good 1500 Men at our Forts Montgomery & Constitution who carefully watch the Motions of the Enemy & they have a Chain of Fire Ships & Rafts across the River to prevent their proceeding any further up. I hope we shall be able to give a good Account of them in their Return. we have some large Fire Ships & a great Number of Rafts. Mr Keyes will be able to give you a very different Account of our Numbers from that in your Letter. why would it not answer to send out the old Brig which is worth but little with a few Horses or any other Articles that could be of no Service to the Enemy. I believe there are not more than 3000 of the Connect new Levies come in. the Paper I send

you contains a valuable Letter from a French Gentleman in our Army. from your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Hon^ble Jabez Huntington Esq^r In Norwich ℔ Favour M^r Keyes

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington Letter July 27^th 1776

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Aug^t 1^t 1776

Dear Brother

the Tory Brig is Ready to proceed for New York she has Lost her Boat & no other Can be had. I have given Consent for Capt Tracy to take the New Brigs Boat upon Conditions he will take Care to send her Back when he Arrives. should be Glad you would take Care that she is sent Back. if any Damage happens to her Before she Comes away you^ll Advise me & how much to Charge the Continent. perhaps the S^d Boat may be Wanted for the Publick & as she is not a very Good one for us it may be well to Spare. I have got her Estimated Accordingly

I am D^r Sir your Affectionate Brother

AND HUNTINGTON

Cap^t Joshua Huntington New York

[Superscribed] To Cap^t Joshua Huntington In Camp New York

[Indorsed] And^w Huntington Letter Aug^t 1 1776

NEHEMIAH HUBBARD, JR., TO JOSIAH HUNTINGTON.

Hartford Augs^t 3^d 1776

S^r

Inclos'd you have an Invoice of Twenty Six Barrels Flour Ship'd on Acc^t of Cap^t Jer Wadsworth to your Care, Cap^t Wadsworth is now at New York Suppose he'll inform you further about when he Returns, am for Jer Wadsworth

NEHEM^H HUBBARD Jr

[Superscribed] To Cap^t Josiah Huntington at Norwich

[Indorsed] Nehem^h Hubbard J^r Letter Aug 3 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp New York 5 Aug: 1776.

Hond Sir

Since I wrote you by Elisha Huntington of the 3d inst the British Fleet has been joined by a Number more Ships about 30. Our Six Row Gallies attacked the Phenix & Rose in the North River for about 2 hours with the Loss on our Side of 2 Men killed & 8 or 9 wounded. what Damage the Enemy sustained is not known. it is expected our Gallies which are still in the River will make another Attack.

I dont see any Thing of Bror Joshua.

my Love &C to all as is due & remain your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Jabez Huntington Esqr

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington Aug 5. 1776

AMASA KEYES TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Pomfrett August 6th 1776

Sr

agreeable to Col. Trumbulls Directions I send you Eight Bbs Pork by thomas Bourn. Shall Send you more soon. Shall be glad you would take proper Care of it

from yr humble Sert

AMASA [KEY]ES

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington Att Norwich

[Indorsed] Amasa Keyes Letter Augt 6 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp New York 11 August 1776

Hond Sir,

Judge Jones being taken up and ordered to Connecticut has applyed to me for Letters to my Friends. I am a Stranger to any Particulars of his political Character except that he lately held a Place under the Crown of England. his Character as a Gentlemen I believe is unexceptionable. he has shown me some Civilities. I think I can

assure him that he will be secure from any Insult or Abuse and that he will experience from my Friends & others every Civility compatible with his Situation.

I am most affectionately
your Son
JED HUNTINGTON

Hon^ble^ JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^r^
[Indorsed] Colo^l^ Jed Huntington Letter Aug 11^th^ 1776

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH Aug^t^ 12^th^ 1776

Dear Brother

I have not had any of your favours since you Left Norwich though did Expect to have Rec^d^ some Publick money, the People Who have Demands for the Carrying Troops are Calling for their pay, wish you would send the money Soon, it is Best to Draw Enough when you are About it. Let the General Know that the 400 Barells of Powder from Boston are Arrived (& Deposited in Fathers Old House) General Ward sent a party of Colo^l^ Finneys Regiment with the Teams who Guarded the House till yesterday when I sent them of for Ticondiroga ℔ Order of General Ward. I have for the present Established a Guard of 2 Men in the Day & 4 at Night, I should be Glad of the Generals Direction About the [ ] I Advanced twenty-five pounds in Cash to the Above Men to Carry them to Ticondiroga. I should be Glad to know where I am to Receive it again & of whom. if it Comes from New York shou^d^ be Glad you would get it for me.

General Ward Writes that he forwarded to your Care 500 Carbines in June & July which he thinks have not all Arriv^d^ in N York. I wish you would make Enquiry at head Quarters & find the Number Rec^d^ there by way of Norwich & Advise me Accordingly. We hear Great Accounts of the Arrival of our Enemy at York. our Militia West of Conn^t^ River are order^d^ in to your Assistance. May the Lord Assist and preserve our Army, & put our

Enemies to flight Before them I am in haste Your Affectionate Brother

ANDW HUNTINGTON

P S give my Love to all as is Due

Capt Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington In Camp New York

[Indorsed] Andr Huntington Letter Augt 12 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp N York 12 Augst 1776

Hond Sir

I think I have been told lately that a good Sulphur Mine or the Ore is discovered in Norwich, I wish to know the Truth of it I have made Enquiry concerning the Discovery & Manufacture of that Article of Gentlemen from the Southward but cannot get any authentick Information whether there is any found in those Parts I was in Hopes to have got some Knowledge that I might communicate it to Mr Safford who desired me to do it. I hear that no less than one hundred Tories are taken up at Long Island and are ordered to Connecticut, among them is Mr Jones in whose House I live. what the Charge against them is, I know not, he seems anxious as to what Treatment he may receive and desired me to write my Friends in his Behalf, I have given him a Letter to the Governor & another of the same Import to you, informing you that he has treated me with Complaisance & that I doubted not my Friends & every Body else woud show him as much as could be consistant with his Circumstances Col: Chester tells me that Sisters Betsey & Polly are going to be inoculated I could wish if it is convenient and agreable to the Friends that Jabez might accompany them. The Design was to put 32 pounders into the Connecticut Row Gallies as I mentioned to you but have only 18s. the whole Fleet of them 7 in Number are now in the Harbour. several Regiments of fine Troops have come in from the Southward within

few Days past & more are on their Way. my Love & Respects to all & remain your affect. Son

JED HUNTINGTON

tis sd that B: Spencer is made a Maj: G and C: Parsons a Brigadier

Congress have made the following Promotions

Brig: Genl Heath, Spencer, Sullivan, Greene } to be Major Generals

Cols Read New Hamshire, Nixon Massachusetts, McDougal N York, St Clair Philadelphia, Parsons Connect:, Clinton N York } to be Brigadiers

13th Yesterday Afternoon a Fleet of between 30 & 40 Ships arrived at Staten Island. it is likely the 2d Division of Hessians which sailed from Stade the 14 May

[Indorsed] Colo Jed H Letter Aug 12 1776

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Augt 19th 1776

Sir

Inclosd is a Receipt for one Chest of Arms &C, which we are Directed to forward to his Excellency General Washington should be Glad you would Deliver the Rect to the proper person that they may Receive Sd Box of Capt Trapp & Give him Rect.

I have wrote you two or three Letters since you went away but have not been favourd with any Answer, I did Expect some Money Before this Time. the People who have demands for it are Daily Calling on me. I want some money to pay the Guard I have hired for the Magazine it amounts to [ ] than five pounds ℔ Week for the Guards &C. I Recd yesterday 100 Barrels more of Powder

from General Ward. as to News we have none this way. I am hourly Expecting Some Bloody News from New York. may God Defeat our Enemies is the Earnest

prayer of your Affectionate Brother

ANDW HUNTINGTON

Give my Love &C as is due

Capt Joshua Huntinton

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington In Camp New York ℔ favr Capt Trapp

[Indorsed] Andw Huntington 19th Augt 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp New York 19th Augst 1776

Hond Sir,

I have recd your Letter of 13 Augst dated at Lebanon & of the 15th by Capt Wheat. my Fever has reduced my Flesh & Strength considerably. this Day I begin to take the Bark. am in Hopes it will stop the Progress of the Fever and restore me a good Stomach. If there is a good Opportunity to send me a small Matter of Honey & Tamarinds they will be very acceptable. great Numbers of the Connecticut Militia came in yesterday. some were in before. You have heard the Phenix & Rose are returned safe we are sinking Vessells to stop the Passage into the East River.

I am your affecte Son

JED HUNTINGTON

To Jabez Huntington Esqr

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntington Augt 19 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp N York 19 Aug 1776

Hond Sir

I wrote you by Post this Morning least Capt Huntington should not have a Wind. to inform you that I began upon the Bark this day. that my Fever has pulled me down considerably but I hope the Bark will check it. I

mentioned the Want of some Honey & Tamarinds if a convenient Opportunity. I am

your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Colo^{l} Jed H Aug^{t} 19th 1776

JONATHAN WILLIAMS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Boston Aug^{t} 25 1776

S^{r}

By the Bearer You have two Cases Containg three Hundred p^{r} Sheose Each Six Hundred in the Whol you will please to forward them to the Adress of the Quarter Master General at N York as Soon as Possible in haste

I am Your Most Hb^{le} Serv^{t}

JON^{A} WILLIAMS

N B on acc^{t} of the Small pox the teemester Cant Come to town & he has not Sent his name

agreed for 6/ p Q^{ll}

if you Can pay the Waggner it will Oblige him Six Shi^{g} pr Q^{l}

To Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Joshua Huntinton Esq Norwich

[Indorsed] Jon^{a} Williams Letter Aug 25 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp N York 26 Aug 1776

Hon^{d} Sir

I cannot yet get rid of my Fever. I dont know but I shall apply for Leave to come Home on Furlough it is uncertain whether I shall succeed If I apply as the General is very averse to Furloughs. I had determined In my own Mind that I would not think of it at any Rate. but I have such miserable Attendance &C &C I believe I shall make the Tryall

I dont undertake to give you any News

I am your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

wrote Sep^{r} 2^{d} ℔ M^{r} Hutchens & Killingsly*
[Superscribed] To Jabez Huntington Esq Norwich ℔ Fav^{r} M^{r} Peck
[Indorsed] Colo^{l} Jed Huntington Aug^{t} 26th 1776

JOHN DESHON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London Sept^{r} 19th 1776

Dear Sir

I herewith send you a Coppy of my Acco^{t}, have left the Charge for my Trouble Blank Capt^{n} Frances when I saw him last told me he tho^{t} my Care & Trouble Equil to a Capt^{ns} pay in the army, I shall leave that Matter to the Quarter Master Generall & your self. I have now the Care of Providing Baracks wood & Provissions for 600 men of the Continental army & Expect 600 more by Friday Next, there is no Person here appointed to forward the troops on there March threw y^{s} town nor to Suply them with Nesserys, the bills I Send I have Chiefly paid Ever Since Last May, I Expect an Order from Proper Athority to Transact the Business for the futer, or Shall not think it my Duty to Concerne my Self any further ab^{t} it, I Refer you to Capt^{n} Tracy for News, and am Dear Sir

your most Humb^{l} Servant
JOHN DESHON

To Capt^{n} Joshua Huntington
[Superscribed] To Capt^{n} Joshua Huntington Near New york
[Indorsed] Cap Jn^{o} Deshon Letter Sep 19 1776

CYRUS BALDWIN TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Woburn 28th Sept^{r} 1776

S[ ]
[ ]ation from my brother Colo^{l} Loammi Baldwin, by a Letter dated at Norwich the 20th instant, that he hath left three Cases of Merchand^{z} in your store for me, which please to deliver to the Bearer

*This memorandum is probably in the handwriting of Jabez Huntington.

hereof, Mr Jonathan Foster. you will take His rect for the same, as well for your own security as mine; I suppose my Brother hath paid you the storage, if he hath not please to draw upon me for the same. I expect to be settled in Boston again in less than a month. I am Sr your most Humbe

Sert

CYRUS BALDWIN

Capt Joshua Huntingdon

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntingdon Mercht at Norwich Landing

[Indorsed] Sirus Baldwin Letter Sepr 25 1776

JARED TRACY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Saw Pitts in Rye Septr 30th 1776

Dr Sr

I met with Captn Wadsworth here yesterday and as he was in want of help here and very urgent I should Tarry a spell with him have Comply'd; have sent your money to your brother with the papers by Doctr Turner make no doubt but they will go as safe as if I had proceeded with it. spoke to Captn Wadsworth concerning the Oates for your Brother but he says he has none by him nor Cannot get any at present shall be always glad to here from you here and Receive your Commands am Dr Sr with the greates Esteem

Your most

Humle servant

JARED TRACY

[Superscribed] To Captn Joshua Huntington At Colo. Chesters near Fort Independance

[Indorsed] Cap Jared Tracy Letter Sep 30 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp Kingsbridge Octo 1st 1776

Hond Sir

Yesterday a Frigate from N York passed throu' Hellgate and went up Sound out of Sight we fear her Inten-

tion is to interrupt our Navigation. another Frigate came throu' soon after and turned up into the Mouth of the River before Haerlem we apprehend an Attack from the Enemy very soon, General Sullivan tells us he had many questions asked him while a Prisoner about the Situation of the Country East of Kings Bridge where General Heaths Division lays. I am not of the Opinion they can drive us off our Ground, but perhaps they will.

I have told the General Officers from Connecticut that I would continue in the Service if I can have a good Set of Officers under me. the Commanding Officers of the continental Regt & the New Levies have been asked the Question. Col. Chester utterly refuses. we have been desired to recommend such of our Officers as we think deserving of like or higher Commissions than they now hold. I have but few in my Regt.

If I can get such Officers as Col. Chester or Douglas will recommend or such as I could pick out of other Regiments I shall do, but I don't yet know whether the Arrangements will be made by our Genl Officers & recommended by ym to Assembly or whether they will mention Names only & Leave with Assembly to arrange.

Bror Joshua is well of his Camp Distemper, but has now the Jaundice in a Good Way of Recovery.

Chester and his Qr Master & Adjutant Bror Joshua & myself make up a very agreable Mess for the present, but as I am two Miles from my Regt I do not promise myself the Pleasure of continuing in it longer than till I can get some Quarters nearer. I have ordered a Hut built for myself which I expect to be obliged to put with up for the Want of Houses. If I go into my Hut shall take in Bror Ebenr & G: Carpenter.

I want White Flannen enough to line an Outside Jacket with Sleeves, 14 lb common sugar & 14 lb best that can be had to use instead of Loaf Sugar, 1 ℔ Mail Straps & a Crooper for my Saddle.

I wrote you that Col: Thomson was a Prisoner, I find that Col: Silliman, in whose Party he was, thinks that he is without Doubt killed.

I also wrote You my Regiment suffered at Montressors Island I had only 1 Serg^{t} & 5 Privates in that Party the Sergeant is returned with three bad Wounds, one Little Fellow was taken a Prisoner & escaped from them & swam over the River. the other four fell a Sacrafice they were in the only Boat that landed where the L^{t} Col: (Jackson of Sergeants Reg) who commanded the Party & Major Henley one of General Heaths Aid de Camps were, the former was wounded the latter killed after he had got into the Boat to come off. two Captains are now under Tryal of Court Martial for their cruel & base Conduct on this Occasion had but one or two more Boats landed & behaved as well as the one that did land they would have killed or taken the whole of the Enemy on the Island.

The most of my Oats & many small Articles were left in the City.

I remain with proper Salutations
your affectionate Son
J HUNTINGTON

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH Octo^{r} 2 1776

Dear Brother

I have not had any of your favours since Cap^{t} Tracy went from here. I hope by this Time you have been Able to Settle with the Quarter Master General & he is on the way home. I propose to send the Brig for a Load of Molases or Salt & Want to Know what proportion you will be Concern^{d}, & how much Brother Jed will be Concern^{d} which you^{ll} please to Know of him & Advise me I will get some Person to fitt out the Rest Besides what we Venture in the Family. I have thought of Cap^{t} Elisha Lathrop for a Master, if he ant Engagd Otherways, I intend to put in two Carriage Guns & Six Swivels, as to News I don^{t} hear any, only that Leu^{t} Fanning is well which I rejoice in. I am in haste your Affectionate Br^{r}

AND^{W} HUNTINGTON

Please to give Sutable Regards to all my Friends.
Capt Joshua Huntington
[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington in Camp at
Kings Bridge ℔ favr of Capt Osborn
[Indorsed] Andr Huntington Letter Oct 2 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp Kingsbridge 2d Octor 1776

Hond Sir

I am sorry to find that Doctor Turner hasn't a sufficient Inducement to continue in the Army where he is eminently usefull & necessary; it is of great Importance to Individuals and the Publick that every Life & Limb should be saved, Doctor Turner is blessed with a natural Insight into Wounds and Dexterity in treating them *peculiar* to himself, Doctor Morgan is well pleased with him and would retain him in Service if he had it in his Gift to reward him with as much Pay as he knows he has Reason to expect. I heartily wish our Assembly, who attend with Pleasure and without Parsimony to the Necessities and Convenience of the Army, would provide the Troops with a Physician who is esteemed by us as almost *essential* to the Service. suppose he saves *one* Limb, that would not be otherways saved, *that* Limb may save the Publick some Hundreds. You and many others, Members of Assembly, are well acquainted with Doctor Turners Character & Manner of Living. he is not aspiring after Wealth, no one doubts he has Right and in Duty ought to stand for a reasonable Reward of his Merits and Services. I wrote You Yesterday by the private Post to which refer you and remain with Duty & Respect your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Colol Jed H Octor 2 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp North Castle 4 Octo 1776

Hono^d Sir,

I wrote you by M^r Lothrop since am favoured with none of yours. Nothing of Moment has happ^d in the Army since I wrote you. I have just rec^d a Letter from Bro^r A H of 13^th last month & Osborne & one from Eliph: H. have no information where the Articles sent me are landed yesterday Morning about 1000 of the Enemy came to the Sawpitts & affrighted our People away, they soon returned to their own Lines & ours to their own again two of the Enemy in the Retreat falling behind their Main Body fell into the Hands of our Troops.

I wrote Bro^r A H yesterday by Capt Lothrop

I am agreably situated as to Supplies although we are obliged to give the full Value. don't expect to stay long here, the General threatens to move me to the Sawpitts. Generals Heath & Scott & three Majors including Bro^r Eben^r are a little below me in the Woods all in one Marque & that a smoaky one Eb: says he never lived so before.

Your affectionate

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Colo^l Jed H Nov^r 4 1776

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octo^r 7^th, 1776

Dear Brother

Rec^d your favour by Doc^t Turner, Cap^t Tracy Stop^t by the way to Assist Cap^t Wadsworth. I hope by the Next Chance to Receive the Remainder of the money for the Vessels &c from Q M G. I Rejoice to hear that General Mifflin is Reappointed. I have Rec^d an Acc^t for a Stranspos (?) I don^t know any thing About the Man I send it you as it Came to me, if it be Right you^ll add it to the Account & send the money with the Rest. I also Inclose you an Account for Carting powder &c not in when Cap^t Tracy went away

I wrote you Last week by Capt Osborn to Let me Know how much you & Brother Jed would be Concernd in fitting the Brig for the West Indies, to Carry Two Carriage Guns & Six Swivels for Defence. Some Horses &c. I want your Answer as soon as may be. I am your Affectionate Brother

AND HUNTINGTON

P S if you Can Buy me some Emty Rum hhd & Send I should be very Glad

I dont know of any Other Accounts Against the Q M G Except the Magazine Affair. if I find any I shall send them on as I find them

What do you think of sending the Schooner after a Load of Salt

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington In Camp near Kings Bridge

[Indorsed] Andr Huntington Octr 7 1776

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octor 8 1776

Dear Brother

I wrote you yesterday & Intended to have sent you all the Accounts I had against the Q M General But I forgot Ingrahams Last freight which I here Inclose you. I have Chargd it against the States. & there is 6/ Due to Capt Harris for wood when he Carryd the Last Troops, not in his Acct. your Affectionate Brother

AND HUNTINGTON

Capt Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington In Camp Kings Bridge ℔ Ensn Fanning

[Indorsed] Andw Huntington Letter Aug 8 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp Kingsbridge 12th Octo 1776

Hond Sir,

Since I wrote you by John Leffingwell I am favoured with yours of the 7th inst: by Mr Bordman. In my List of

Officers I put down Capt Watrous I meant Capt Darrows. there is Capt Brewster of Parsons is a good Man. my Ens^{n} Tracy is deserving of a Lieutenancy. You have heard before this of the Ships passing up North River they have taken their Station at Tarry Town about 14 Miles hence where they were before. the Massachusetts Militia are ordered up to Line the North River. Two of our Row-Gallies have fallen into the Hands of the Ships. I think Capt Tinker is one of them. We once flattered ourselves the foreign Troops would desert to us. Gen^{l} Sullivan says they are more inveterate against us than the British. Bro^{r} Chester & Eben^{r} are hearty. Bro^{r} Joshua is recovering his Health. I remain

your affectionate Son
JED HUNTINGTON

Col: Jabez Huntington

I intended to have sent Home the Bundle Money now sent you by Col: Trumbull, but I was otherwise so much engaged that I could not go to see him As the Enemy seem to have a Design of attacking us here very soon I thought I I had better send the Money to You (one Bundle cont^{g} 453.12) by this Opportunity of M^{r} Buckley who I hope will get an Appointment in my Reg^{t}. Col. Trumbull who set out this day will give you all the News.

your affect: Son
JED HUNTINGTON

Sunday 12 oClock
[Indorsed] Colo^{l} Jed H Octo^{r} 12 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp Kingbridge 12th Octo. 1776

Dear Sir,

I shall be troublesome to You as long as I find my Wants so many. I shall be glad you would send me two Barrels Soape to wash up my Soldiers who suffer greatly for the Want of it.

As to being concerned in fitting out the Brig, would rather do no more than send my two or 3 Horses but if you

cannot make out other ways I will be one Eighth of the Cargo—or one fourth.

We have no News of importance save the Loss of the Navigation of the North River by Means of the Ships which went up last Wednesday 14 Miles above us. it will make more Work for Land Carriers. we shall be disobliged for Want of Boards &c. my Love & Duty to Mama &c

from your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Ask Mama to send me some white Worsted to mend stockings

I want 2 doz horn mould Buttons small,

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington Octor 12 1776

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octor 13 1776

Dear Brother

I Recd yours of the 6th & 7th Instant & Observe the Contents. the first freight the Schooner Carryd was 2/ p Bl but it has been higher since but I dont know but she must Lye Still for want of a Cable. She has got into the River I hear with a Load of Molases from Stamford. as to News we have not any this way only that a fine prize is in at Providence which was bound to Quebeck with a Large Cargo of Woolens & Linnens tis Said Cost fifteen thousand in London I wish the Q M General would Lay in for them for the Army. hope there will be more such good prizes. suppose you have heard of Hardings taking two prizes. give my Love to Brr Chester & Ebenr I am your Affectionate Brother

AND HUNTINGTON

P S 14th Ingraham has got up & I have a prospect of getting him a Cable, if I get it shall Load him Tomorrow

Capt Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington in Camp near Kings Bridge ℔ Capt Osborn

[Indorsed] Andw Huntington Letter Octr 13 1776

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octor 18 1776

Dear Brother

I Wish you would Apply to General Washington & Know of him About the Magazine the Weather grows Cold if the Powder is to Stay here Long there Must be a Watch House Built with a fire Place to keep the Guard Comfortable. I wish you would ask his Excelency to Write me what he would have me do in the Matter in haste your Affectionate

Brother

AND HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington in Camp near Kings Bridge ℔ Capt Osborn

[Indorsed] Andw Huntington Letter Octr 18 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp Kingsbridge 21 Octo 1776

Hond Sir,

I set down to write you after writing the two inclosed last night when I recd orders to march my Regt at Day Break this Morning which put an End to all writing and have just Time to desire you to break open the Letter to Bror it may contain some News to you. my Love & Duty to the Governor, I am going on to Northward

your affect. Son

J HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] [ ] Jabez Huntington [ ] ℔ Mr Williams

[Indorsed] Colo Jed H Octor 21 1776

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octor 22 1776

Dear Brother

I Recd yours of the 12th Instant. you are Right About the Cast of the Teams how I Come to make such a Mistake I Cannot Tell. with Respect to the Bill for a Vessel at Mid-

dletown I dare say she was Employ[d] I think you had Better Receive the money & send, & I will be sure that she was Employ[d] Before I pay the Bill with Regard to the Brig I Expected you would have been Concerned a ¼[th] part, But perhaps I Can get Others to take so much, I think it a pitty to Let her Lye & Rott by the Wharf when she Can make a Good Voiage as well

I am in haste your Affectionate Brother

AND HUNTINGTON

Capt JOSHUA HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Capt JOSHUA HUNTINGTON in Camp near Kings Bridge ℔ Ens[n] Minor

[Indorsed] And[w] Huntington Letter oct[r] 22 1776

SAMUEL GRAY TO GURDON BILL.

WINDHAM Oct[r] 22[nd] 1776

S[r]

Some time ago I Sent To your Care five Casks of dry'd wormwood for the Army To be forwarded, Should be glad To know from you Wether you have forwarded Them and Where and In What store they are lodged

from your H[le] Sert

SAM[LL] GRAY

P. S. If you have a Rec[t] from the Store where They are lodged please To send it To me & I will you Yours

S GRAY

[Superscribed] For M[r] GURDON BILL In Norwich

[Indorsed] Sam[l] Gray Letter Oct[r] 22 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp, RAMAPOUGH 23[d] Nov[r] 1776

Hon[d] Sir

Ensign Chapman of my Reg: who was taken on Long Island has wrote out to me for some hard Money. If you think any of his Friends are able to furnish him please to apply to them for fifteen or Twenty Dollars if not I should be glad to have as much of my hard Money sent me by first

good Opportunity that I may send it into him, I am unwilling so good an Officer should suffer,

The Enemy are in & about Hackinsack, we hope they will take their Route to Powlas Hook & N. York I hear a Number of my Friends are gone to Dedham to be inoculated I wish it might be convenient for my son to go. my Love & Duty to Mother &c &c & remain

Your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntingtons Letter Novr 23 1776

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Novr 5 1776

Dear Brother

I wrote you some time ago & desird you to Apply to General Washington About the Magazine in Norwich, that there must be a Guard House if the Powder was to Lye here Long. I have not Recd Your Answer. it is a Matter that wont do to put of if there is any Danger in doing without a Guard, as the people here are afraid of the Cold Nights & some of them Begin to Say they wont Stand Guard again on that Account.

the money from General Miffin dont yet Come to hand. I believe I must Send some body after Capt Tracy. you Cant think how the People teaze me & not without Reason as it is 6 or 7 Month since the money was due to them & no promise of Interest for the Delay. I am in haste your Affectionate Brotr

AND HUNTINGTON

Capt Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington in Camp at White Plains ℔ Colol Trumbull

[Indorsed] Andw Huntington Letter Novr 5 1776

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO GURDON BILL.

Norwich Novr 6 1776

Mr Gurdon Bill

if any hoops Come in after this Time I would hav you put them by themselves.

Desire your Father to order them Rum Hheads up from New London which was sent down some time ago tell your Father when they Come if any Chance send them to Capt Whitings Still House I should be Glad to have the White Oak Hd which he has by him (New)

if there Comes any Oates, Corn, or Beans, to the Store on my Account would have you find a proper place for them, & Give Rect of what you Receive that they may Settle properly at my shop.

if there is any Barrels Come for me, you may Land Some at the Slaughter House & the Rest at the Store

if you should ship any flour Before I Return Would have you Order the Capt of the Vessel When he has got as far as up Sound as N Haven if the Enemys ships stop the passage I woud have them go to the Committee of the Town & Desire them to receive the flour & forward it on by Land.

if you want any Advice About any thing, Apply to your Father

Let Mr Webb work at the Cooper shop all he Can

be very Carefull to make proper Entries of all your doings

Apply to my Father when he Comes home if you want any Directions

AND HUNTINGTON

N B Remember to take proper Care of Colol Trumbulls Chease when it Comes put it in shop as I told you if any Body has Emty Syder Barrels that are good I want them. speak to your Father Capt Perkins &c

[Superscribed] To Mr Gurdon Bill present

ISAAC BEERS TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Newhaven 7th Novr 1776

Sr

The horse you left with me the begining of August Last is Still in the hands of the Farrier. he was so very much hurt in his Hoofs & otherways that twas impossible to send

him forward. the farrier thinks he will do to send forward soon. Should be Glad of your directions what to do with him. As the Season will not Answer to keep him at pasture much Longer. And keeping him at hay will be very Expensive. I Suppose the farriers Bill will be betwixt 4 & 5 £ for doctoring, keeping &c. Should be Glad to know what to do on that score as such kind of people are always very Troublesome for their pay, & I have promised to see him paid. pray dont fail to let me have your directions as soon as Convenient. I am

S^r^ Your humble serv^t^
ISAAC BEERS

[Superscribed] Captain, Joshua Huntington Colo Seldens Regiment Camp near New York p^r^ Colo Trumbull
[Indorsed] Isaac Beers Letter Nov^r^ 7 1776

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Nov^r^ 13 1776

Dear Sir

your favour of the 4^th^ is at hand. our army seems to move about very Quick with the Quick Step as we say, hope they may be able to give the Enemy a fatal Blow yet though the Movements from the Enemy seem a Matter of Amazement to many People. I should be very Glad to hear from time to time of Everything Material, as there is not any Dependance on the Flying Reports. you will doubtless hear by the time this Reaches you that Sister Hannah & her Little one, sister [ ] Polly, Zacha, my Children &c &c &c. have taken the Small pox at Dedham. I Left them on Monday in fine spirits & here inclose sisters Letter having nothing Else to add Material only that the Schooner is Loading. I am in Great Haste your Affectionate

Brother
AND HUNTINGTON

P S I wrote you to Apply to the General About the Magazine & you dont Say any thing in Answer it Will be

unguarded as soon as we have a Cold Spell of Weather unless there is a proper Guard House Built

Capt Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington in Camp at Stamford

[Indorsed] Andw Huntington Letter Novr 13 1776

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN CHESTER.

Head Quarters Peeks Kill 16th Novr 1776

*Dear Brother**

I am sorry that your Negligence is such that it is in my Power ever to be out of your debt in the Letter way but believe that will soon be the Case I recd a letter from Father this Night, by which I find that Sisters Hannah, Betsey & Polly, brother Zach, & Andrews two Children are all gone to Dedham to be Innoculated O Brother Chester! do be so kind & Obliging as to return a borrowed Song Book, which will Oblige your Humble Servant who writes in great Haste

EB HUNTINGTON

Colo Chester White Plains

[Superscribed] Colo Chester White Plains

[Indorsed] Capt Ebr H to Colol Chester Novr 16th 1776

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Novr 22nd 1776

Dear Brother

I understand by your Letter to Father that you want all the Accounts I have against the United States since Capt Tracy Settled with Mr Moylan & with Regard to the Transport Service you say you Cannot Leave your Post to make a Settlement with the General Mifflin

I have sent Mr Isaac Abell with the General Account the Particular Bills Except one I have forwarded you, this one in favr of Benjn Huntington Esqr Comes now, Capt

*Col. John Chester married Elizabeth daughter of Jabez Huntington and sister of the writer.

Tracy Carry^{d} an acc^{t} in fav^{r} of Doc^{r} Rogers which I don^{t} find was Charg^{d} it was Ab^{t} 30^{s}/ the Bill I sent you for a Transport at Middletown, Cap^{t} Deshon says that Vessel was Employ^{d} if it is not put in his Acc^{t} it must be Charged now. I wish you would Assist M^{r} Abell in Settling with General Mifflin, if you Can^{t} go or send Cap^{t} Tracy with him, give him such Directions that he may finish the Matter himself & Bring the money. the Guard House is Building for the Magazine this Charge with the Dayly pay to the Guards &c will Come in afterward. I Wish you would try to have some Rum Hheads & pork Barrels sent Back in the Schooner or Some other Vessel as they are very much wanted here. I have not heard any thing from our frieds with the Small Pox since I Left them no news this ways. I am in haste your Affectionate Bth

AND HUNTINGTON

Cap^{t} Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Cap^{t} Joshua Huntington in Camp at North Castle ℔ fav^{r} of M^{r} Abell

[Indorsed] And^{w} Huntington Letter Nov^{r} 22 1776

JARED TRACY TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Sawpitts Nov^{r} 22nd 1776

D^{r} S^{r}

Have sent you by the Barerer A large allowance of Oysters, have also sent a Cart with four Oxen which you'll please to take into your Charge

I am S^{r} Your Humble servant

JARED TRACY

[Superscribed] To Capt^{n} Joshua Huntington At North Castle

[Indorsed] Cap Jared Tracy Letter Nov^{r} 22 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp Ramapough 28 Nov 1776

Hon^{d} Sir,

I wrote you a few Days since for some hard money for Ens: Chapman, since which find that it is not allowed to

be sent in to the Prisoners so that it will be needless to send it to me. I am situated in the midst of Tories whom I should fear much more than I do if I though their Courage equal to their Malice. I expect to leave this the first of January because I expect that my Troops will at that Period take the shortest Road Home. had I [ ] Money & Liberty to give Furloughs upon inlisting I [ ]gage a considerable Part for the War. I dont see what we are to do for an Army when next Month expires. but I trust in him who is wise & mercifull that he will not forsake us nor leave our righteous Cause to the Wisdom of Man. Please to give my dutifull Respects to the Governor & Remembrances to all as is due from your

affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq[r]

[Superscribed] To JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esquire at Hartford or Norwich to the Care of Maj: Huntington at Peeks-Kill forwarded Dec 6[th] p Express

E HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Nov[r] 28 1776 Colo[l] Jed Huntington

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

PEEKS KILL 3[d] Dec[r] 1776

Dear Brother

Your fav[r] of Nov[r] 21[st] ℔ Cap[t] Abell I rec[d] am sorry that you could not write me on the return of Friends from having the Small Pox. That Infamous Maj[r] Rogers has at Length Rec[d] his Just deserts. His Reg[t] taken from him & he disgrac[d], and so despis[d] that he had like to have been kick[d] out of Company, in the presence of some Officers of ours who were on a flag of Truce, with the Enemy. Major Wells, who was taken prisoner on Long Island, is out on Parole for twenty one Days, but am not yet able to learn whether he will be allowed to tell any thing even about our own Prisoners. I can not think that my memory faild me about your Letters, but think that thay must have miscarried. The Birth I now

have is a Deputy Adjt Genl for Genl Heaths Division. Pay certainly £10 L M & have a Prospect that I shall be Allowed £12 0 0. Troops continually Passing through this Place, makes us appear busy. God Willing, I have some prospect of paying you a Visit before the next Summers Campaign opens. I am dear Brother Yours Affectionately

EB HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington Norwich

[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Norwich ℔ Jedh Hyde

[Indorsed] Majr Ebenr Huntington Decr 3 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp, Ramapough 4 Decr 1776

Dear Sir,

The Enemy are now to Brunswick Ferry. the Bridges on Rariton River are cut down by our Troops. Genls Lee & Sullivans Divisions are come on this Side of the North River on their Way to Hackinsack &c am in hopes their falling on the Rear of the Enemy will stop their Progress Southward.

am obliged for your Care in sending me several Articles none of which I can conveniently come at on account of my Distance I am Sixty Miles from Stamford. I am sorry my Son did not make one of the Party to Dedham, a Place I shall long remember with Sorrow.

I rejoice with you in the Success of our eastern Privateers, that our Army is like to be well cloathed &c Give my Love to Mother &c. I conclude Father is at Assembly. from your loving Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich To the Care of Maj Huntington at Peeks Kill

[Indorsed] Colo Jed Huntington Decr 4 1776

JONATHAN TRUMBULL TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

LEBANON 5 Decr 1776, 1, oClo. p m

Sir

upon the alarming News I have from New London, I request your attendance in Council as soon as You can get here this afternoon, & That You will give immediate Notice to Mr Huntington & Mr Hillhouse to attend without Delay

I am Sir your obedt H Servt

JONTH TRUMBULL

To Colo JABEZ HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Colo JABEZ HUNTINGTON Norwich

[Indorsed] The Honble Jonathan Trumbull Esqrs Letter Decr 1776

Sr

I have a Post to N London and expect his Return in a few moments if you have any news from N London this day please to advise me & Could wish to have you Call on me before you go to Lebanon from your Humbe Servt

JZ HUNTINGTON

To BENN HUNTINGTON Esqr

Sir I have had no News from N London Since Col Wolcotts Letter have not heard any Alarm Guns I shall be at your House Directly

Your Humble Servt

B HUNTINGTON

To Col HUNTINGTON

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NORWICH Decr 20th 1776

Dear Brother

I Recd your favours of the 21t Novr & the 4th Instant. I Conclude by Major Abell Staying so long he is like to finish his Business. I Begin to think he is taken by the Enemy as he has so much out Stayd his time. I understand Colol Trumbull is gone to the Southward & Conclude he has Left money at North Castle for me. if Mr Abell has not Returnd from Philadelphia by the Time this Letter

Comes to hand, I should be very Glad if you would try to forward some of the Comsys Money to me by the first Safe hand I am Quite out of money & have been Obliged [ ] Several hundred pounds to pay for Artickles for the Comsy, but I Expect Mr Abell Every hour and hope I shan't be Disappointed. as to New I have Nothing Material only that the Enemy have taken possession of Rhode Island which Conclude you have heard of. I have the Pleasure to Inform you Our Friends have Returnd from having the Small Pox. I am in haste your Affectionate

AND HUNTINGTON

P S I Intend to put the Stock on Board the Brig Tomorrow

Capt Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Capt Joshua Huntington in Camp near North Castle

[Indorsed] Andw Huntington Decr 20 1776

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich 24 January 1777

Hond Sir

Capt Keyes declines the Service on Account of his ill State of Health. I can well recommend the first Lieutenant, Thomas Avery to fill the Place & I could wish that the first Lieutenancy might remain open a few Days. as soon as I know that Lieut Avery is promoted I will send him Notice

Yours most affectionately

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Jany 24th 1777 Colol Jed H

JAMES MUIR TO THE COMMISSARY GENERAL.

Alexandria 30th March 1777

Sir

Inclosed you have a Bill Lading & Invoice for five Hundred & forty four barrels flour, which you will receive by Capt Elisha Doane agreeable to Instructions from His

Excellency Patrick Henry Esqr Governour of this Common Wealth Amounting to £981 10 0 Virga Currv exclusive of Commission which I supose you may fill up at 5 ℔ Cent. the flour is the best in quality of any I have seen at Market in this place, especially the Superfine Burr & fine Burr

You will please give the Honble Congress Notice of the arrivall of Capt Doane's with the Amot of the Cargoe including Commission, also His Excellv Patrick Henry Esqr by post, should also be glad to be informed. you will receive inclosed Capt Doane's order on you for £44 12 3 Virga Currv which you'l please deduct from the freight if the articles its for is against the Continent & add it to the Invoice & Commission when you inform the Congress, should imagine if you were to send some Rum, Sugar & Oyl with a few dry goods by each Vessell it would help to defray charges as these articles are much wanted hear. the other Vessells shall be Loaded & dispatched as fast as posible. wishing the Cargoe Safe with you & speedily with much respect I am

Sir Yr mo. hble servt
JAS MUIR

[Superscribed] To The Comissary General or his Deputy to the Grand Continental American Army

[Indorsed] Letter from James Muir ℔r sloop Cumberland Elisha Doane

JAMES MUIR TO THE COMMISSARY GENERAL.

Alexandria 14th April 1777

Sir

You have inclosed a Bill of Lading & Invoice for five Hundred & fifty three barrels fine fine flour & Sixty five barrells Burr fine flour which you will receive by Capt John Perkins agreeable to Instructions from His Excellency Patrick Henry Esqr Governour of Virginia. Amounting to £1116 6 8. the fine flour is very good in quality & the Burr fine the best I ever saw. you will be pleased to give The Honble Congress of United States of America notice of the arrival of Capt Perkins with the Amount of his Cargoe also Colo William Aylett in Williamsburg Virginia by post

Inclosed you have Capt Perkins order on you for £55 19 Virga Money for Sundry dissbursements and provisions for the Sloop Brittania which please deduct from his freight if the articles it is for is not a Continental charge which you will see by the Accounts the Capt Perkins will render you, also the Comission thereon £2 16 o V. Cy. you will please also to add the Commission on Capt Doanes order on you for £44 12 3 which is £2 4 7½. wishing the Cargoe safe & Speedily with you in good order. most respectfully

I am Sir

Yr mo. hble Servt

JAS MUIR

P S My Clerk made a mistake in the Coppy of the Invoice of flour sent by Capt. Doanes of 10.000 a 14/3 which is £71 5 o which please deduct J M

[Superscribed] To the Comissary General or his deputy of the Grand Continental Army in Boston ℔ Capt Perkins W. G. P.

[Indorsed] Letter from James Muir ℔r sloop Britannia John Perkins

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich 14 April 1777

Hond Sir,

I should have asked you to bring me a Commision for Ebenezer Perkins. Throops 1st Lieut & Richard Douglas, Darrows, 2d Lieut:, as they are ordered to march Wednesday

your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Jabez Huntington Esqr

[Indorsed] Apl 14 1777 Brig Genl H

JOSEPH SPENCER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Providence May 1st 1777

Sir

I send by the Bearer Two Bushels of Salt for my famalies Use, which desire you would take the Charge of, and

deliver to any of my family or their Order, when apply'd for

from you Humble Servt
JOS SPENCER

To Mr Joshua Huntington

N B the Carter has Recd pay for Carting sd Salt

[Superscribed] To Major Joshua Huntington at Norwich

[Indorsed] Genl Joseph Spencer Letter May 1st 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich 10 May 1777

Hond Sir

I hope the Appointment of Comisaries to deal out the Refreshments to the Soldiers will be early. If the Assembly can do any Thing to expedite the Troops being inoculated I doubt not they will do it as Genl Washington is very sollicitous to have it got through as fast as possible. the Men engaged to the first of Janv are to be inoculated. I have sent to Comisary Wadsworth to see if I cannot obtain some Hides of him as I find it impossible to equip the Men with Accoutrements without them. We have Nothing new.

I remain
your affectionate son
JED HUNTINGTON

Jabez Huntington Esqr

[Indorsed] Colol Jed Huntington May 10th 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich 14 May 1777

Hond Sir,

Zech & Peter came home safe on Monday. You have heard that the infamous Martin is in Windham Goal. I believe some Discoveries will be made of inimical Persons amongst us. One Fox of North Parrish has been under Examination, in Consequence of which Doctor Holmes & several Others are in Custody, & I suppose will be examined by the Authority this day I believe the Scene of

Wickedness reaches to Windham but more will soon open. I am

your affectionate son
JED HUNTINGTON

Maj Gen[l] Huntington
[Indorsed] May 14 1777 Colo Jed Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich 16 May 1777

Hon[d] Sir,

It is told among the People that M[r] Duncan Stewart has again obtained Leave to go to New York & I find that it gives great Umbrage to many. they cannot conceive, they say, what Good can acrue to the Country from this Indulgence or what Obligations the Country are under to M[r] Stewart.

I received your Favour ℔ M[r] Hidden. the Examination of the Tories continues but I cannot learn that any important Discovery is made. I send the two Knives ℔ Capt Niles. Our Families are in usual Health, & am

your affectionate son
JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Colo[l] Jed Huntington May 16 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich, 31 May 1777

Hon[d] Sir,

M[r] Carpenter finally refuses the Paymastership of my Regt. Capt Rosseter of Stonington has been mentioned to me, but I cannot obtain so much Knowledge of his Character as I have personally of Rufus & if you have no Objections I wish to have Rufus appointed I have left the Letter to the Governor on the Subject open that you may peruse & seal it. I have no Surgeons Mate. Col Prentice has mentioned one Doctor Starkweather of Stonington but I cannot find upon Enquiry that any Body else knows much of him, as their Pay now stands I think we have a Right to

expect as good Men as the Country affords. If any one of good Character has been held up to View I wish the Place in my Regt might be filled up. I am preparing to march to Peeks Kill & lest there should not be a Meeting of the Governor & Council hereabouts very soon I have sent you the Account of Transporting Arms with Capt Perkins stating of his Loss & wish to have an Order on Bror David Trumbull for the Money. As to sending you Money you will find the Quantity short as I have been obliged to take a Quantity for the recruiting Service. Many of the Soldiers have long since disposed of their Bounties & I am obliged to let every Officer that marches take more or less Money with them to subsist the Men, you observe I have wrote the Governor about subsistance Money.

There is a Resolve of Congress of the 4th Nov. recomending to the several Legislatures to empower Commanding Officers of Detachments & Posts to swear Persons to the Truth of any Matter relative to the Publick Service. which Power may at some Times be very necessary. have sent you Connect Money out of your Chest 240.10.6. & am

your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Maj Genl Huntington

[Indorsed] May 31 1777 Colol Jed Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich 2d June 1777

Hond Sir,

I have heard that three Persons have been talked of to fill up my Regt, Enos, Butler & Meigs. Col. Prentice is in Expectation of it & I believe will give the Regt & the Publick as much Satisfaction as either of the Two first mentioned, as to the latter named Gentlemen there is no Doubt of his shineing at the Head of a Regt & of making himself agreeable wherever he is. It would gratify a great Many to see Col. Chester in Service again, but perhaps it may not be worth his While to take a Regt at this late Day. I shall

set out for Camp the latter End of this Week or Beginning of next. I have not rec^{d} a Line from Congress or from the General respecting my Appointment

I am, your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

We are told our Boston Fleet have taken the Milford Frigate & carried her into Port but it is but a vague Report

[Indorsed] June 2 1777 B. G. Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill 16 June 1777

Dear sir,

I will be glad to have sent me the Remainder of the p^{s} brown holland which I bou't of M^{r} Babcock ℔ first good Opportunity addressed to me at this Place or to Maj: General Putnam. the Enemy are moving tow^{ds} Philadelphia, shall very soon hear of something of Consequence. In great Haste I am

your Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To M^{r} Andrew Huntington Comisary Norwich Col. Griffin

[Indorsed] Genl. Jed Huntington Letter June 16th 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill 19 June 1777

Hon^{d} Sir,

You will find by Gen^{l} Putnams Letter to the Gov^{r} all the News we have from our Grand Army. the Troops as fast as they come in here are sent over to Gen^{l} Washington leaving a sufficient Number to secure this Post. Generals Parson McDougal & Glover are gone & going. Gen^{l} Nixon & I remain here for the present. I left several of the Officers of my late Reg^{t} to recruit till further Orders. I have not Time to write y^{m} all, as you will have opport^{ys} please to direct them from me to join their Reg^{ts} as soon as they

can get on what Men they have recruited. All the small Clothing provided more than what the Men want, I wish to have sent on with the Officers Chests. I am taking an affectionate leave of the Regt althou' it is now far from me. my whole Brigade is split up into the three Brigades which are ordered into the Jerseys. I have a pro Tempore Brigade, consisting of Pattersons, C. Webbs, Livingstons I am, with Love &C as is due

your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Major General HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] The Honorable Major General HUNTINGTON Norwich

[Indorsed] Brigr Genl H June 1777

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON.*

LEBANON June 23d 1777

Dear Son

yours of the 19th Recd here this morning as to the Officers of your Cols Rects Rufus B Able went on last Tuesday P whom I wrote you Since which Lieuts Collins & Fox & Capt Richards & [?] & Ames have been at Norwich & think they all proposed to March soon, but as fast as I Can see any of the Officers shall Let ym know your directions as to news in this quarter nothing material only frequent arivals in the Eastern States of ye Prizes taken by our Privateers we are hourly in Expectation of hearing something very Important from Genl Washingtons Army & in mean time would heartely recommend you & them to the Paternal Care of Divine Providence

Remain your Affectionate Parent

J H

P S I Inclose you a Letter Recd for you from Hartford as I supposed you would want the Fiffers accot

To Br Genl HUNTINGTON at Peekskill

*Written on back of letter dated June 19, 1777.

ANDREW HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Norwich July 14th

Dear Sir

I Recd Last Evening the Coppy of a Letter from Capt Bull giving Account of the movements of the Enemy at the Westward. am Obligd to you for sending it forward. wish you to Convey Every thing of the Kind you get hold of. it seems the Enemy have Determind to Burn & Destroy all the Towns on the Sea shore that they Can Come at. it is most Likely they will soon be at New London on their C—— d—— Plan but hope they may meet a Repulse. we have nothing new here from any Quarter since you Left us Mr Perrit tells me he Left his Gun & mine (or Rathar yours) at Wilsons to Come up by Braddick. wish if you have time you would Call there & see if it is sent up. if not pleas to send it up to Capt Perkin's & Ill Call for it at the Store. you Cartridge Box with the Contents is with the Gun am Dear Sir your Affectionate Brother

Aw HUNTINGTON

Majr Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Majr Joshua Huntington at New London

[Indorsed] Andw Huntington July 16th 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill 16 July 1777

Hond Sir,

We continue in Amazement & Chagrin at the Loss of our Posts at Ticonderoga; as important and interesting as that Event is to us here, yet we are not favoured with any Circumstances attending it. at present, the commanding Officer stands in a very dishonorable Point of Light; however, an Opportunity of Vindication may clear him of the Disgrace that is so liberally cast upon him. a kind Providence, which has hitherto made but little Use of our Wisdom or Strength, can over rule all these Things which seem to be against us, for our Advantage.

We are told that Lord & General Howe and the most of his Army are embarked, that their flat bottomed Boats are in & stowed away, that their Horse are on board, that they are wooded & watered for a Month. that many of the Inhabitants of the City have taken their Effects on Ship board. Deserters are daily coming in to us from Kingsbridge & their Gallies contiguous, last Monday four Men deserted from their Artillery (two of them Europeans) they tell that there are fifteen hundred Troops at Kingsbridge & About it, few of them Hessians the rest Provïncials.

It has been generally apprehended that the Enemy would attempt the Possession of the North River, I wish there was no better Prospect for them to the Eastward of Connecticut.

Gen[l] Sullivan's Division crossed at Fish Kills this Day & he has taken Quarters there.

Gen[l] Washington is with the main Body at Ramapough & in the Clove where I was stationd last Autumn, at this Post Gen[l] Putnam has five Brigades, viz M[c]Dougals, Parsons, Varnums, Glovers, Huntingtons I have Bradley, Swift & Livingston. Col. Sam[l] Webbs is in Gen[l] Varnums Brigade. I hope my good Brothers have sent on my Stores as I find but little to be got here.

I have your Favour ℔ Brown and shall leave this Letter open till his Return hopeing I may have some News to give you.

17[th] I close with Compliments, Love & Duty to all & that I am

your affect. son
JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] July 16[th] 1777 Brig[r] Gen[l] Huntington
Wrote an answer the 26, 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

PEEKS KILL 20[th] July 1777

Dear Sir,

I have been wishing for some Days past for some agreeable Matter to make the Subject of a Letter to You

but my Wishes are not yet gratified. It seems by your Letter that you have but imperfect Intelligence from the Northward & we are here much in the Dark yet as to the Situation of our Affairs in that Quarter, I do not know what strange unhappy Fatality attends our military Enterprises that Way. I agree with you in Opinion that Gen^{l} Howe is in some Degree of Perplexity. As to this Post & the Situation of our Troops in the several Camps we think ourselves so well prepared to receive him that we are less fearfull of his Advances this Way than of his Incursions into the defenceless Parts of the Country. Should he go to New England I doubt not the Militia will meet him with the Zeal & Spirit which appeared in y^{e} Militia of New Jersey when Gen^{l} Howe moved from Brunswick.

Five of the Enemys provincial raised Troops deserted to us the Day before Yesterday.

The Enemy give out that General Clinton has arrived with four Thousand Troops from England, some say only nine hundred have arrived.

I hope my Stores are not far off as there is a great Dearth of such Cumforts here. If I have not some of the Mess Beef coming on, wish you to send me a half Barrel or two ℔ first Opportunity.

I send you an imperfect Sketch of the Country here abouts that you may form some Idea of the Situation of the Army. Gen^{l} Washington is with the main Body at Ramapough. Gen^{l} Putnam at Peeks Kill. Gen^{l} Clinton at Fort Mongomery (a very defenceble Post) Gen^{l} Sullivan who is now at Fish Kill I expect will come down to Croton River. my Love to Sister & the Circle & am your affect: Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

22^{d} *Dear sir,*

not meeting with a Conveyance I have now to inform You that Gen^{l} Parsons's & Part of my Brigade were ordered to Fredericksburg where we now are, this Movement is in Consequence of the Enemys Fleet appearing in the East River that we might the readier throw Ourselves into New England in Case there is Necessity for it and it is but one

Days March to Peeks Kill. the Road from Danbury to Peeks Kill this Way is short two Miles farther than the usual Road by Crompond I have just traced the two Roads to you. I think the Governor & Council will order Brown to ride this Way as his Dispatches may be interesting to us, especialy if the Enemy make a Landing in any Part of New England, since the foregoing, Lord Sterling's Division has crossed at Kings Ferry & is at Peeks Kill. Gen^{l} Washington has gone up to New Windsor. A Soldier of one of the York Battalions who deserted to the Enemy, returned & inticed others to desert was to have been hanged yesterday at White Plains. One Palmer a notorious Tory & Villain was taken last Week & will share the like Fate. he is said to be the Man who robbed the Post that was going to Peeks Kill some time ago.

The Earth was never loaded with its good Things more abundantly than it is this Year, does not Providence herein expostulate with us not to undervalue the fruitfull Land he has given us but to defend it at every Hazzard & Expence. Reflections of this Kind come very seasonable when the Picture of my dear Friends at Home stands too long before me

I am dear Sir your affect: Brother

J H

23^{d} Nothing yet great to tell you (indeed I am out of the Way of Great Things) except great Mountains) I will mention small News that I am in a cumfortable House incorporated with the Family consisting of an honest Farmer his Wife & a Number, I have not counted them, of pretty Children. the Fare is homely but wholesome & there is a Tidyness (I don't know whether the Word is spelt right) about them that you seldem meet with among the Class I am speaking of. Gen^{l} Parsons Brigade Q^{r} Master is just in from Fish Kills & says it was out in General Orders there that our Army at the Northward had gained a signal Advantage over the Enemy. taken 1000 & killed half as many &C &C.

I finish once more with yours affect^{ly} J H

[Superscribed] To M^{r} Andrew Huntington Commisary
Norwich

[Indorsed] Gen^{l} Jed Huntington Letter July 20th 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Fowlers at Fredericksburgh 24 July 77.

Dear Sir,

Leffingwell is unloading the Things you sent me I am sorry the spirit is not come As I am not able to procure any small Vessell to put it in in Case I can get it at Peeks Kill

I suppose Doctor Turner does not want an Account of any Articles that stand properly charged to the Comisary General. I think it will be best to charge the 18 Green Coats to Colonel Charles Webb & send them to my Care. I would not make up the remaining Cloth in Your Hands untill Winter I wrote you Yesterday to which beg Leave to refer you & am dear Sir

Your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

My Love to all y^e^ Friends

And Huntington Esq^r^

[Superscribed] To Andrew Huntington Esq Comisary Norwich ℔ Leffingwell

[Indorsed] Gen^l^ Jed Huntington Letter July 24 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Fowler's at Fredericksburgh 24 July 1777

Dear Sir,

You remember my Enquiry concerning some Articles sent me from Norwich whilst We were at Kingsbridge that were left at Norwalk viz two Casks delivered by David Osborn to Lemuel Brooks for which I have Brooks Rec^t^ dated 2^d^ Nov^r^ 1776 I desired Raymond the Comisary at Norwalk to make Enquiry after them he writes me that Brooks tells him he delivered them by your Order to Allen Ingraham, as the Contents are of some Value these dear Times I would make all reasonable Search after them, perhaps Ingraham can give Account of them. will you be so good as to ask him. I have just broached the Cask of Wine by Leffingwell, you can't think how it relishes in this solitary Place.

If any of our Friends are coming this Way, beg the Favour of them to call on Jose Webb for a Pair of Leather Gloves which I left there & for Want of which, tell Sister Polly, I have almost worn out the Pair of Linnen Ones she made me. Gen[l] Washington has ordered a Board of General Officers to examine the Pretensions of Candidates for the Colonelcy of the two vacant Connecticut Regiments (mine & Douglass's) the Members were to be McDougal, Varnum, Glover & Huntington, but as I am at this Place the three first mentioned must determine it.

26[th] The two Brigades, Parsons & mine, are now moved to Cortlands Manor five Miles from Pines Bridge on Croton River, 13 Miles from Peeks Kill & I expect soon to go Further Westward as we have Intelligence by several Deserters lately from the Enemy, among whom are two Hessian Surgeons, that the Ships which lately went up the sound are empty Transports bound home, that the Main Body of Howes Army are embarked & laying at the Narrows with southern Pilots on board, that a considerable Body of Troops remain at Kingsbridge. Gen[l] Washington is upon the Return into Jerseys & Gen[l] Glover is gone to the Northward.

several Spies have been taken up At Peeks Kill, one of them confessed he was sent out from N York by Col Robertson to make Discoveries of our Condition & Carry him Intelligence, Lord Sterling ordered him imediately hung up before his Door. others are in Confinement for Tryal.

Give my Love to all the Dear Friends & believe me to be your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Major Joshua Huntington Norwich
[Indorsed] Gen[l] Jed Huntington Letter July 24[th] 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill 28 July 1777.

Hon[d] Sir,

Last Night I once more arrived at this Place & am now under Orders to march with a Brigade of four Reg[ts] South or East upon the shortest Notice. Gen[l] Washington has

gone back to Pumpton with Persuasion that the Enemy intend southward (you will note the General Officers about him are chiefly southern Men) at this Post (perhaps from like Partiality, We think they intend Eastward. Intelligence came to General Putnam Yesterday that one hundred ships were seen passing Blue Point on the south side of Long Island standing Eastward & more heaving in Sight. Gen^{l} Glovers Brigade has sailed for Albany. Bro^{r} Eben^{r} commands for the Present between One & two hundred Men at Fort Constitution. General Clinton now Governor of this State leaves the Army this Day for the Chair which important Place I think he will fill with great Reputation to himself & Service to his Country. Please to desire Brother Commisary to order what other Clothing & Accotrements he may send to me to be left at Danbury, to be delivered to my Order. I have the Pleasure to inform you that whatever Accounts we had of the Progress of other States in Recruiting their Regiments, those of Connecticut are nearest the Compliment of any, by the best Information. Gen^{l} M^{c}Dougal is, also, under marching Orders. Parsons & Varnum will be left at this Post & Gen^{l} Putnam is directed to call on this State & Connecticut for Militia to strengthen them. It is with great Sympathy & Grief I give you the unhappy Tidings of the Death of our Acquaintance & my particular Friend & Companion Doctor Leonard, who has been left by the Allwise Sovereign of the World, to put a Period to his own Life. he was at Judge Coe's in Cakeat on his Way to Gen^{l} Washington's Camp. the Time & Circumstances I may perhaps give You in my next. I would fain call in Question the Truth of the Fact which has but just reached us but I expect to be confirmed in it. What is Man, even those who stand highest in the Esteem & Love of the World, vain, transitory and perishing. General Putnam and Doctor Turner are gone Post Haste to the Scene of Horror. the news is confirmed. He had been with us at this Post about a Fortnight, in the Course of it, I had frequent Conversation with him on the Subject of the Chaplaincies in the Army. he expressed much Sorrow that that usefull Order stood in so little Respect

and were able to do no more Good in their Place his Representation of their Case to some Members of Congress when he was at Philadelphia was the Means of procuring the late honorable Establishment of Brigade Chaplains which Institution it was hoped would place them as to pecuniary Matters above Dependence and render them more respectable & usefull. but the Regulation some how or other did not take with the General he objected to it to Congress, upon which they made no other Brigade Appointments except Doct: Leonards who was imediately recommended by General Knox. in this Situation of the Matter, there seemd to be two Establishments or as some would wish none at all. I am so often interrupted that I am obliged to defer much that I want to say on the Subject to another Opportunity & close with that I am

your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] July 28 1777 Brig^r Gen^l Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill 29^th^ July 1777.

Hon^d Sir,

We have good Intelligence that a Number of Boats from the Jersey Shore have taken & carried into safe Port a very valuable Ship with English Goods bound into N York. We still remain greatly dissatisfied with the Transactions at the Northward, they will undoubtedly be brought to a strict Enquiry. General Arnold is gone there. I am fav^d with yours of the 26^th^ inst^t. inclose a Letter from Bro^r Eben to Polly. Doct: Leonard was alive Yesterday but not but a distant Prospect of his Recovery. he cut his Throat with a Razor. he has not enjoyed a good State of Health since he had the small Pox last Winter. I am now situated near Peeks Kill landing four Miles south of my former Quarters at Col. Drakes. where my Friends if they would but come, would be very welcome. your

affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

A Letter just in from General Washington advising Gen[l] Putnam that 70 Sail of Ships appeared off little Egg Harbour. upon which Gen[l] Washington has ordered two Brigades from this Post to cross the River & wait further Orders, it falls to Gen[l] McDougal & me, and we shall probably go over Tomorrow unless new Advice prevents which we hourly expect from the Eastward as we think these 70 Ships are making their Appearance there whilst the greater Number intend Eastward or up this way in Case the Troops here are withdrawn.

Doctor Eustice is just in from Doctor Leonard and says he is cumfortable. but that his Case is extreemly critical.

I am affectionately

JED HUNTINGTON

Hon[ble] Jabez Huntington Esq[r]

30 July

Ensign Abbot of Col: Durkees Reg[t] has been under an Arrest & least it should be told of at Norwich to his Prejudice I have transcribed the Sentence of the Court martial. viz.

"Ens[n] Abbot of Col: Durkees Reg[t] was brought before the Court upon an Arrest by Order of Col. Philip Cortland for behaving in a scandalous & cowardly Manner before the Enemy when on a Scout near white Plains on the 10[th] Inst: & for making a false Alarm in Quarters. the Court are of Opinion that Ens[n] Abbot is not guilty of the Charge brought against him & therefore do acquit him with Honor"

Upon my Recommendation Gen[l] Washington has appointed Roger Alden my Brigade Major. I find him a good Officer & an agreeable Companion.

1[st] Aug[st] Capt Jedediah Hide asked Gen[l] Putnam for a Discharge with which he gratified him very chearfully.

there are more Hopes of Doct. Leonards Recovery.

1 Aug[st] A Captain of the Enemys new Levies belonging to the Jerseys got discharged & came here a few days ago. says immense Quantities of Goods are lately brought in from England by Adventurers who expected to make their Fortunes by improving the first of the Market upon

the Reduction of the Country. that he heard One of y^m say he heartily wishd himself back again

[Superscribed] The Honorable Maj: Gen^l. HUNTINGTON Norwich

[Indorsed] July 29^th & Aug 1^t 1777 Brig^r Gen^l H from Peekskill

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

PEEKS KILL 1^st Aug^st 1777.

Hon^d Sir,

After closing the other Letter Gen^l Putnam has rec^d a Letter from Gen^l Washington who is at the Delaware advising that the Enemy's Fleet were at the Capes of Delaware & that he would have the two Brigades come on as fast as may be that he thinks this Part of the Country have now Nothing to fear from Howe but may bend their whole Force ag^st Burgoine. will not one Days Sail bring back the Fleet, to the Hook with a good Wind? I cannot think all Fear of a Junction on this River ought to subside and that it is impossible the Communication between the northern & southern states can yet be cut off & New England left to her own Defence my Brigade is now crossing the River and I expect to go Tomorrow. remember me with Love & Compliments to all Friends

from your affectionate

JED HUNTINGTON

2^d Aug,

Doctor Leonard is so well that he intends to visit Peeks Kill this day. we hear all the southern States are flying to Arms on the Appearance of the British Fleet on their Coast, that Ten Thousand are embodied near Philadelphia. I do not think it is probable that Gen^l McDougal & I shall march far before we are ordered back to this Post

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

PEEKS KILL 5 August 1777. Monday.

Dear Sir,

I returned to this Place last Evening. and have taken Post on my old Ground near the Landing. All Travellers

to the Southward passing Kings Ferry come within Musket shot of my Quarters. therefore don't fail of writing me often. I was ordered to march last Fryday to Delaware upon Advice being received that the Enemy's Fleet appeared at the Capes of Delaware, but the heavy Rains & one & another cross forbiding Adventure prevented my march further yⁿ about twelve Miles when I recᵈ a Letter from General Washington advising that the Fleet left the Capes the 31st ult and stood Eastward & that I must imediately rejoin Genˡ Putnam at this Place. we hear that 15000 Militia assembled upon the Arrival of the Fleet at the Capes. Great Dependence is placed upon the spirited Exertions of the Militia of the Country as the Continental Army cannot be in every Place where the Enemy are easily and quickly transported by Water. If the Militia of every State were as deservedly reputable for military Order and Prowess as the Jersey, they would be as formidable to the Enemy as the continental Troops, because our Marches are eluded by their Navigation, whilst the Militia of the Country are in every Place ready to defend their own pleasant Habitations.

I find the Want of the Chairs which Mʳ Minor was to make. the half Barrel of Spirits that Broʳ Joshua was to spare me out of the Comisary's H head. (there is none here) a half Barrel of Mess Beef, the Brass Cock wᵗʰ key that Eliph: was to deliver you for me. a common Nail Gimblet. half doz: Yards Aznabrigs or Tow Cloth. a common Candlestick. two ℔ Iron Butts of the size as near as may be of the Brass Ones in my Tables as two of them are broke. they are 2 Inches & 2/10ᵗʰ open & 1 ½ Inch wide a little smaller or larger will answer. will you look as you pass & see if my Asparagus Beds are not choaked with Weeds. give my Love to Sister &C &C.

I am your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mʳ Andrew Huntington

I am just favoured with yours of the 28 July. An Answer to part of your Questions you have doubtless received e'er this. have directed Mʳ Nichols to send you an Account

of the Coats he has rec^{d} for Col. Swifts Reg. (he is the Pay Master.) I believe there is a supply of Cartridge Boxes for the Connect^{t} Battalions
[Indorsed] Gen^{l} Jed Huntington Letter Aug^{t} 5 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

PEEKS KILL August 9th 1777.

Dear Sir,

I have not been favoured with but few Letters from my Friends. I should have wrote y^{m} oftener had I not been almost constantly on the March. General Howe, you have heard, left the Capes of Delaware the 31st ult: standing Eastward, three or four Days after he appeared again in Delaware Bay. since which we have no Intelligence of him. it is seventeen Days since he sailed from the Hook and much longer that his Troops have been on board, if he does not debark soon, his Horses will be unfit for imediate Service whatever his Men may be. if he gets no Advantage of our Army in its Movements, as I believe he will not, I think he must make but a sorry Campaign. but I wish not to think too well of our Affairs. the Northern has filled us with Disappointment and Indignation. Congress have voted to recall their Gen^{l} Officers from thence. Major Gen^{l} Lincoln who has the Confidence of the Massachusetts Troops is gone thither I do expect Things that Way will yet wear a better Face.

so then our good Friend Col: Trumbull has finally determined to quit his Place, I dont know who can fill it with so much Satisfaction to the Publick. I suppose Jere Wadsworth and Avery, if not Irwin, will follow him.

Palmer who was to have been executed some Time ago, and was respited from Time to Time on Account of his Wives Connections who are on the opposite Side, was turned off Yesterday.

several Parties of Militia from this State & Connecticut are in at this Post. we have four good Brigades in fine Health & Spirits. the principal Distemper is the Meazles. Roots & Greens are excessive high. the moderate Price of

one shilling this Money for a Quart Milk some in their great Modesty have taken 1/ lawfull. An Officers Rations will not supply necessary Vegetables what do you think of a Hhead of Brandys selling at about Seven hundred Dollars. I am told Billings has taken two Prizes, one of y^m^ with 1200^lb^ Coffe & the other with 90 Puncheons Rum, if it was so, you certainly would have informed me.

Now for a List of Wants. a Chest Lock or Padlock. the remainder I defer till I write again. give my Love to *them* all, kiss little Betsey for me. & assure yourself I am

with great Affection

your Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Maj. HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Gen^l^ Jed Huntington Aug^t^. 9^th^ 1777.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

PEEKS KILL 10^th^ Aug. Sunday Eve 1777.

Hon^d^ Sir,

I am just favoured with your Letters of the 1^st^ & 4^th^ Aug^st^. my Regiment still continues in Gen^l^ Parsons Brigade for Reasons I may have Opportunity to explain to you hereafter. I have not heard but that Rufus Abell conducts to Satisfaction.

by a Letter of the 4^th^ inst. from Philadelphia. Howes Fleet remained at the Capes. the Country in a good Posture of Defence & wishing to meet y^e^ Enemy. One Frigate & 13 Row Gallies completely man'd & equip'd. 10,000 Militia were expected in the Course of a Week the continental Army well supplied & in Health.

You have heard that General Gates is going to the Northward by General Howe's sending a Number of Transports Home about the Time that he sailed Southward no Doubt remains that he planned to distract & divide us & thereby weaken this Post for his own more easy Access or for Burgoynes or perhaps both. the Spirit which blazed at the Commencement of Hostilities & which had almost subsided under the System of War seems to be disturbed at a late

Event. O how should the Sparks be cherished till they once again become a Flame & render the People, not the Army only, terrible to their Enemies.

your affectionate Son.

JED HUNTINGTON

General Huntington

[Indorsed] Aug^{t} 10th Brig^{r} Gen^{l} H at Peekskill

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill 12th Aug. 1777

Dear Sir,

I have not been pleasured with any of your Letters since I wrote you last.

Brother Joshua need not give himself the Trouble to convey my Gloves from Wethersfield to me as good Hap has lately thrown a Pair in my Way.

Two Deserters from N York say that the Capt of the Portland Man of War arrived there last Monday & said he left the Fleet with General Howe off Nantucket, but there is not much Dependence on this Kind of Intelligence.

The Troops are bare footed, bare leg'd and almost bare a——d do procure all the Shoes, Stocking and breeches possible Linnen Overalls, even for Winter, will be serviceable as they hide Rags, and, in Addition to them, afford sufficient Warmth.

Last Evening we had a terrible Storm of Thunder, Lightning Wind & Rain, notwithstanding the Weather remains exceeding hot & Sultry.

13th No account of the Fleet yet. & it is three weeks since they sailed.

France & Spain have given Congress unlimited Credit· they are settling the Mode of drawing Bills. these sell at Philadelphia for 330 for 100 ster^{g}.

General Gates is now here on his Way to the northern Army he had in Congress the Votes of all the States except N York. their negative may be attributed to the Generals particular Friendship for the Grants alias Vermont.

we had a flying Story last Night that Howe had landed in Chesopeak Bay. Gen[l] Gates says the Fever & Ague & Musketers will soon finish them there.

have you heard from M[r] James of Philadelphia concerning the Cask of Indico. I wrote him a Month ago to sell it & remit you the Proceeds in Loan Office Certificates through the hands of Col: Williams. if not sent Father & you had best write him.

There is a flying Report here that Gen[l] Arnold had surrounded three hundred of the Enemy & taken y[m] Prisoners

Congress are puzzled to get along with the great Number of French Officers which M[r] Dean has sent over.

Virginia & Maryland are drawing in large Sums by Tax. It is reported (remember I give you as a Report) that 500 Militia from Tryon County fell in with a Party of Butler's or Johnson's, had a warm Engagement, lost 103 & several principal Officers, killed 170 of the Enemy among whom are 2 or 3 considerable Officers. Love to all the dear Friends from your affectionate Bro[r]

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Gen[l] Jed Huntington Letter Aug[t] 13[th] 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

PEEKS KILL 23[d] August 1777.

Hon[d] Sir,

Your very acceptable Letter of the 18th I have just received at the Hands of M[r] West

We have no later Advices from the Northward than what You have. I suppose Governor Clinton set out Yesterday for Albany to command the Militia in this State who are gone to the Northward. they have implicit Confidence in him. Col Morgan with about five hundred picked Riflemen is on his Way to join General Gates.

the last accounts inform us that Howes fleat remain between the Capes of Delaware & Virginia, no Doubt he means to play into Burgoynes Hands. his own Inactivity; Reinforceing Burgoyne; leaving so many Troops in & near

New York with so considerable an Officer as L[t] General Clinton all unite in confirming this Opinion.

Our Army at this Post continue in fine Health owing I apprehend in a great Measure to the competent regular supplies of the state Commissaries and the Difficulty of obtaining Spirits in any other Way.

Major Huntington is gone with General Varnum upon an Excursion to White Plains

will it not be best to feed my Rouen & buy Hay rather than to cut it.

my affectionate Respects to the Governor & all Friends

I am your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

A Hessian Officer & 4 Men were at Kingston a few days since they deserted from the Enemy at Fort Edward. he says their Numbers did not exceed 6000 at the Time of our Evacuating the Forts. A British Officer taken at the Northward now in this state has said in a *sociable* Mood that their whole Hope as to this Years Campaign rested on Burgoine.

[Indorsed] 23[d] Aug. 1777 Col. Jedediah Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill 3 sep[t] 1777.

Dear Sir,

I was favoured with Your Letters by M[r] Waterman. Billings Success is mortifying. but I hope for better Luck.

We are all in Peace & quiet here at present. are in hourly Expectation of hearing from our main Army at the Southward.

I have seen nothing of the Beef & Spirits yet

Give my Love to Sister, Mama &C &C &C

your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

The Enemy left Fort Stanwix so precipitately as to leave their Tents & Bagage

[Superscribed] To M[r] Andrew Huntington Comisary Norwich to be left at Governor Trumbulls

[Indorsed] Gen[l] Jed Huntington Letter Sep[t] 3[d] 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill 4 Sepr 1777.

Dear Sir,

I have sent on your Letter to Mr James. there is not, I believe, at present any more Need of Cartridge Boxes doubtless there will be at the Opening of another Campaign if it should please God to continue the War.

I did not know that any Leather was lost last year for Want of Purchasers I remember there was a large Quantity in Vats in N York which fell into the Enemys Hands I understand now that the publick Hides are delivered over to the Quarter M General for the Use of the Army.

I have engaged the Comisary to put up a Quantity of Tongues as soon as the Weather will do. there will be no Need of sending Salt. Mint Water & indeed all kinds of Spirit sell at a great Price but I could wish there might not any come into Camp except throu' the State Comisary's Hands. it is against the wholesome Orders of Camp that any others sell Liquors although it is done to the great Injury of the Army.

Your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Letter Sept 4th 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill Sepr 10 1777.

Hond Sir,

Common Fame has taken Liberties ever since my single State to match me with one and another. I never took any Pains to undeceive You because I supposed you would not give Attention to such Reports till you had heard from me.

I had indeed entered into a Resolution (& a good one, as I thought, for the present Times) to make no Acquaintances but such as I could leave at any Time with as little Reluctance as I leave the ground of an Encampment when ordered to march, but I begin to be suspicious I am swerving from my Purpose & therefore I think it my Duty to give you some Intimation of it as I know how nearly in-

terested you have always been in the Welfare & Happiness of your Children in this Respect

I have met with a Young Lady who has gained so far upon my Esteem that I cannot break from her Friendship without doing great Violence to my Judgement and a well grounded Affection.

Her Father Mr Daniel Moore formerly moved in a large Sphere of Business in New York with Reputation as a Merchant & Citizen and has been happy in giving a good Education to his Children. he became at length unfortunate in Trade & now contents himself in more moderate Circumstances.

In the Choice I have made, Riches & Honours are out of the Question, but I think I have not been unmindfull of preserving & cultivating that Harmony and good Understanding which subsist through our happy Circle as well as providing myself an agreeable Companion.

I have not made my Intentions known to any except Col: Jos Trumbull, and I have desired him at a suitable Time to introduce the Matter with the proper Delicacy to the Governor's Family with whom it is my ardent Wish to remain as I have always done on the most Friendly Terms. I have no Thoughts of Marrying during my Stay in the Army nor of leaving it as long as my Services are wanted.

my affectionate Remembrances to Mama &C &C

your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

I send you by this Opportunity Eleven Hundred Dollars which I would put into the Loan Office unless I owe it to you or some of the Brothers

12th We have no News of Moment. the Skirmishing that has been between Genl Washingtons Army & Howes was chiefly with our Militia & by the best Accounts the Ballance is in their Favour. the last Accounts left the Enemy at Christiana Bridge. Genl Washingtons Head Quarters were at Willmington four Miles this side of them & 26 Miles below Philadelphia. his Numbers of continental Troops I hope is equal to theirs he has or can have as many Militia as he can manage to Advantage.

I suppose Brown will be along this Day it is likely he may have some important News it is not to be expected that General Howe will continue long in his present Situation. Gen[l] Washington is fortyfying a Height between Willmington & Christeen Bridge as it is called where it is supposed an obstinate Stand will be made on our Part

Col. Sam Webbs Regiment is like to fall into Parsons Brigade & will probably take Post near White Plains

Col. Livingstons Reg. have gone to the Northward leaves my Brigade to consist of only Bradley and Swift. the former I believe I shall get exchanged for Prentices

General HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Sep[r] 10 1777 Brig[r] Gen[l] Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

PEEKS KILL 13[th] Sep[r] 1777.

Dear Sir,

Since your Favour of the 29[th] August M[r] Raymond Comisary at Norwalk has wrote me that he has found the two Cask of Articles which I mentioned to You.

General Parsons Brigade is ordered to take Post at or near White Plains. Major Eben is much pleased that he is removed into it, and that he is going to that Quarter.

I have not any News to give you more than what Brown carries. General Howe has laid himself under the Necessity of fighting. his Ships may not find themselves so readily in Delaware as they expected. and when they arrive there it is far from a Certainty that they will meet him there should the present notherly Winds continue the Fleet will be in great Danger from the Equinox.

My Love to Sister &C &C.

I am dear S[r] your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Maj[r] HUNTINTON

[Superscribed] To Major JOSHUA HUNTINGTON Norwich

[Indorsed] Gen[l] Jed Huntington Sep[t] 13[th] 1777.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

P Kill 14 Sepr 1777.

Hond Sir,

Mr Hancock writes Genl Putnam the 11th that a heavy cannonade was heard from Genl Washingtons Army that Morning at 4 oClock and continued till half after Ten when it probably gave Place to the more fatal Fire of Musquetry. we expect every Hour to have further Dispatches

how much does it behove every one, at such a Day as this, most devoutly to look up to the great Disposer of Events for his Blessing on us.

I am confident this Camp would most gladly bear a Part in the grand Exertion, but as it has not fallen to us, I hope we shall have the Happiness of drowning the Thoughts of our Quietude in the general Joy of a complete Victory.

I remain with affectionate Remembrances to all Friends

Your dutifull Son

J HUNTINGTON

General Huntington

[Superscribed] The Honorable Major General Huntington Norwich

[Indorsed] B G Huntington 14 Sepr 1777

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Wethersfield Sepr 17 1777

Dear Brother

The Enclosed from Mr Fanning I Recd ℔ Capt Horton in a Letter Reccommending him & desiring me not to send it but by a sure & safe conveyance which has not Offer'd till this by our Kinsman Mr Burnham by whom I send it & hope it will come safe to Hand

What can be the Reason that I hear nothing of your Vessel that was to come after the Onions? I fear they will all rot in the heap before she Arrives. I know not her name nor the Masters. I hear not a word from you since your last of Sept 11th. Should be Glad of 6 or 8 Gallons of the Jamaica Rum you gave 34/6 for at Bedford. the Price

we can settle (as you say) when we see each other. I am sorry for the Molasses. but half a Loaf is better than no Bread. and posibly Mr Wm Hubbard can spare me 15 or 20 Gallons if not a Barrel. by the way, as I have not time to write him Mr Burnham waiting Ill beg the favor of you to see him, & enquire whether he can do it, or whether he intends having Combs's Onions & ab't 1200 of mine as I Offerd him. I have kept them on hand for him & have been expecting an answer from him but have Recd none. When he was here he seemd to wish to purchase 6000. I have been Offered Onions for him at 6d a Bunch, & cannot procure them under but do not know whether he will be willing to give it. However I believe the Market will settle at that, as many have been sold for that price.

I have lately Recd Letters from Brother General & the Major who are both well. Ebby is happy in being removed from Varnums to Parsons Brigade Livingston & Varnum have had high words. Webbs Regiment is Ordered to go to White plains

Our Little Circle join me in proper salutations to yourself Lady & all our friends with you. From

Your Affectionate Brother

JNO CHESTER

Majr Huntington

[Superscribed] For Major Joshua Huntington Norwich

Favord by Mr Elizur Burnham

[Indorsed] Colol John Chester Sept 17th 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill Sepr 20 1777.

Dear Sir.

Mr Griste has just come to my Quarters with his Load as ℔ Your Invoice & to save him Time I have taken in the whole Lading.

What I shall do with the Mint Water I dont yet know. the State Comisaries cannot give you the Price. and to sell it to the Suttlers will be out of Character as I have been

fighting them all the Campaign. but I will contrive as well as I can

I shall write you soon as to the Disposition of the Clothing. Col Hughes will take Care to forward the Nuts to our worthy General.

We have no News from the Southern Army since the 15th instant. my Love to Sister and all Friends & am

your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Commisary Norwich ℔ Favour Mr Griste

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Letter Sepr 20 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill Sepr 23d 1777.

Dear Sir

I have yours of the 18th. agreeable to your Desire I some Time since directed the Paymaster of Col: swifts Reg: to make you a Return of the Clothing he had recd of you. that Reg. & Durkees are now with the Grand Army near Philadelphia so that Nothing can be done at present. I hope you will not loose them.

Our last Intelligence from the southward is that last saturday Genl Howe was within three Miles of Sweedes Ford on Schuylkill about 12 miles above Philadelphia. that General Armstrong was intrenchd on this side with Artillery ready to oppose his Passage that General Washington with the main Body intended to fall on Howes Rear. that Congress were got to Trenton. that General Washington had advised the Inhabitants of the City to remain in their Dwellings. Our Advices from the Northward are hopefull.

25th the success of the Action at the Northward I forbear to mention as You will see them in the Papers We have a flying Report that Genl Howe was last Monday marching up Schuylkill supposed with an Intention to go to Reading

where we have a Magazine. I think General Howe means to triffle till his Fleet come up Delaware.

the Price of Flour has lately risen to 5 Dollar ℔ hund. sugar sells at 50 dollars ℔ Ct.

My Love to sister &C.

your affectionate Bror

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntingtons Letter Sept 23d 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Head Quarters Tawawmensing

Evening of the 11th Octor 77

Dear Sir,

I am just favoured with yours of the 28th Sepr ℔ Mr Peck By a Letter received this Day from a friendly Lady in Philadelphia we learn that General Agneau is dead. & she thinks that General Grant is dead (this is the Man that said in the House of Commons that he could march 5000 British Troops through America). that Sir William Erskine (their famous Partizan) is badly wounded he is so ill that Straw is spread about his Quarters to prevent the Jarring of Carriages on the Pavements. that the Enemy have buryed 50 Officers since the Action of last Saturday, that they had 700 killed in Action, that the Officers say they had experienced Nothing like it since that of Bunker Hill.

We are about 25 Miles from Philada & about 18 from Delaware the Enemy lay from Germantown to the City.

Our first Line has 4 Divisions commanded by

Greene	McDougall	Wayne	Sullivan
2	6	5	1

Second Line consists of 3

Stevens	Woodford	Ld Sterling
4	7	3

my Brigade which consists of Prentices, Bradleys & Swifts Regiments, with Capt Mansfields Company of Artillery, are in Genl McDougalls Division.

I am sending off my Bagage to Morristown General Washington himself has sent off all his Bagage except what a Horse can carry.

my Love to Sister &C &C & am your

affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To Major Joshua Huntington Norwich

[Indorsed] Jedediah Huntington Oct 11th 1777.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Head Quarter Tawamensing 12th Octr 1777

Dear Sir,

In Answer to yours of the 18 Sepr I cannot look into the Articles you have supplied. all our Bagage & Papers are sent out of Camp. Regimental Receipts should be had if possible. perhaps it will not be practicable untill Winter.

I wish to have a half dozen pounds Coffee sent to Bror Ebenr for me if there should be a convenient Opportunity. I have advertised Ebenr that he can have some Coffee. I expect the Army will move towards Philada in few Days after which I hope you will hear pleasing News from this Quarter. the Enemy have not yet been able to raise the Cheveaux de Frise in Philada River. if they do not effect it soon, I think we shall render their Situation very disagreeable.

18th Head Quarters at Worcester 21 Miles from Philada.

It is said the Enemy & Tories are packing up at Germantown and that their Troops from Wilmington are gone into the City, by this it seems they intend to bring all their Fire to a small Focus.

19th I am indifferent whether the Coffe is sent me. some Reasons induce us to think the Enemy meditate a Retreat from Philadelphia. A large Body is gone down to observe them.

21 Nothing very material. we are now within 16 Miles of the City & shall soon take a nearer post. I am

Your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Comisary Norwich

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Letter Octor 12th a 21st 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Head Quarters 24th Octor 1777.

Hond Sir,

The army remains at Whippan about 16 Miles from the City. a large Party was sent the 21st to intercept an Escort with Provisions said to be coming from Chester to Philada. the Information proved false. we were then ordered to proceed to Schuylkill Bank a little Below the City to attack a Post of the Enemy's at Gray's Ferry consisting of Six Battalions with some slight Works, but they had Knowledge of our Approach, abandoned their Post & retired into the City. Our Light Horse have several Times attacked their Picquets within two Miles of the City and brought off Prisoners. You have heard many Stories of the Enemys Ships being taken, sunk, & burnt in attempting the Chevaux de Frize. by the whole of the Information we have got, it seems that one Ship has been much disabled & Deserters say rendered useless. Our Fire Rafts did Yesterday burn a large Ship and set Fire to another, as three Light Horsemen who were at Derby inform us. a most incessant Fire was kept up all the Morning in the River. a large Party said to be Hessians attempted to storm the Fort at Red Bank. Deserters from Philada say they are returned with great Loss. I hope to have the Particulars of these important Events with Authenticity before Tomorrow.

I inclose You a Letter which I suppose was meant to be addressed to Bror Joshua please to give it to him.

I have your Favour of the 14th Octor.

25th the last Accounts from Red Bank, which may be depended upon, inform us that the Hessians had 120 buried on the field of Action and 300 wounded. that Count Denop & his Brigade Major are both wounded & Prisoners. the Action continued 40 Minutes. some of them had approached within the Abbatis before they received the first Fire their Defeat in this Instance is big with important Consequences the Account stands confirmed that two of their Ships were burnt some say they set fire to one of them themselves finding her so disabled that they could not get her off.

Burgoine's Defeat & Surrender has been heard of in the City but they affect to disbelieve it. nay they have published an Account in their Papers of Gates having fallen into his Hands with his whole Army with the Loss of 800 killed. so the poor Wretches within the Lines of the Enemy are duped

I am Sir with suitable Regards to all Friends

Your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] The Honorable Major General Huntington
Hartford, or Norwich

[Indorsed] 24 October 1777 Brig Genr Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Head Quarters 28th Octor 1777.

Hond Sir,

The Young Lady whom I some time since mentioned to you as possessing a large Share of my Esteem, has been growing in my Esteem and Affection and indeed has established herself so far as to determine me to marry her, and although at the Time of writing You before, I did not think of its taking Place soon, yet as her Circumstances are peculiar and distressing, it is my Duty & Wish to accomplish it as early as my Situation will allow of.

I shall be uneasy untill I have her under your Roof, that she may enjoy Your Patronage & Protection, but as you & the Young Lady & indeed all the Friends will be under some Reserve to each other & Embarrasment from a

Point of Delicacy which always will subsist in these Cases, I have judged, upon mature Consideration, that it is best to declare my Intentions of Marriage. the Publication of it will take off any disagreeable Restraint from both Sides, and as to the Celebration, it must await the Close of the Campaign,

I have no News since I wrote you last. the Subject of this Letter affects me nearly, therefore I have gone so far as to inclose the Publication to be sent to the good Parson

I am, Sir,

Your very affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

inclose a letter to Mama

Honorable JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^r

[Indorsed] 28 October 1777 Brig Gen^r Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Head Quarters 16 miles from Philad^a 1 Nov 1777

Hon^d Sir,

having received some Monies advanced to my Regiment & some wages I think best to send what I can spare ℔ this Opportunity to You to be vested in Loan Office Certificates. there are 1200 Dollars

The late heavy Rains has prevented us from advancing towards Philadelphia. there is nothing new since I wrote You last worth commiting to Paper.

The 30^th^ of last month, I think it was, I wrote you on a Subject in which I feel myself deeply interested. I consider my Happiness intimately blended with that Young Lady's and should take Liberty to enlarge on the Subject If I thought it necessary to engage Your Friendship for her.

its some Time since I have had a Letter from you.

Please to remember me affectionately to the numerous Friends

I am your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

2^d^ Nov^r^ we march this day towards the city

Hon^ble^ Gen^l^ HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] 1 November 1777 Brig Gen^r^ Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Head Quarters White Marsh, Sandy Run,
13 miles from Philadelphia Nov 3d 1777.

Dear Sir,

It is a long Time since I have had a Line from you, I write You now not to tell you News, as I have none, but to ask a Favour of You; I have almost wore my Hat out, I understand they are to be had at Boston & no where else. If You should be going to Boston I wish You would procure or bespeak one for me, by comparing your Hat with the Hats I have left at Home You will be able to come pretty near the Size.

I can form no Conjecture when I shall return Eastward. Mr Howe remains cooped up in the City. has the City in his Rear the two Rivers in Flank & a Line Redoubts in Front. he receives his Supplies from the Ships at Chester by Way of Derby & Tinicum Island when the Reinforcement from the Northern Army joins us we expect to be able to cut off this Communication.

Our People have towed the Hulk of the Augusta, that was burnt the other Day, under the Fort at Red Bank & saved all her Guns 64, 18 & 24 Pounders.

If we cannot prevent Mr Howes Supplies it is likely he will stay in Philada till the Ice obliges the Ships to go down.

General Washington has again offered an equitable general Exchange of Prisoners which I imagine Genl Howe will agree to in Part if not in whole. Love to Sister &C from your

affectionate Brother
JED HUNTINGTON

Major Huntington

[Superscribed] To Major Joshua Huntington Norwich ℔
Favour Lieut: Story

[Indorsed] Jedediah Huntington Letter Novr 3rd 1777.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Head Quarters Novr 11th 1777.

Hond Sir,

I send you a Sketch of Delaware &C which will give you some Idea of the Forts which have made such a gallant Defence as the British Navy scarcely ever met with before. in the Corners of the Map I have put the River upon a smaller Scale that you may see how Red Bank stands with Respect to Chester where their Ships lay & the Situation of Germantown & White Marsh.

Yesterday the Enemy opened four Batteries at Province Island and bombarded Fort Mifflin almost all Day without killing or wounding a single Man.

Evening — Col: Frink is just in from Red Bank and informs that the Enemy have this Morning kept up an incessant heavy Fire on Fort Mifflin and almost beat it to pieces & thinks they cannot stay in it longer than this Day out we have lost Capt Treat of the Artillery who was in the Fort.

13th Our Garrison remained Yesterday in Fort Mifflin but the Enemy have five Batteries on Province Island playing 18 & 24 pounders upon it & have already nearly battered it down. Col Smith the Commandant is wounded & some others. we give it up in our own Minds & are of the Opinion that Fort Mercer & our Fleet will probably follow.

a Fleet of 38 sail is arrived at Chester with Troops on board supposed to be Sir H Clinton from N York, they will as soon as they please join Mr Howe.

We have been agitating the Disposition of our Troops for the Winter, and find ourselves, the more we canvass the Matter, the more at a Loss.

What Probability is there of recruiting our Army. Money will not do it for it has almost intirely lost its value. how is it possible to Clothe our Men. they have worn out their Blankets & other Clothing and I See no Prospect of renewing them especially in the Southern States where they have no Manufactures and (except South Carolina) no Trade. is it not possible and highly necessary for the

whole Country to rise as one Man and make a thorough & speedy Business and End of the War. the Enemy have now collected the chief of their Strength at Philadelphia say 14 or 15000 One Grand Exertion of ours would drive them out of the Country or put them in our Power. if this idea should take, from what Distance would it be expedient to call Troops & how could we cover & feed them. if there is no Doubt as to Covering and Subsistance, what Time will it take to bring them to the Scene of Action. will it be practicable by the first of January. in the Month of January the River Schuylkill is always froze hard enou' to serve as a Bridge & nôt generally after that Month. when this River is so froze the City will be accessible by us for a Circle of Eight Miles or more. would not the Militia from Connecticut cheerfully submit to the Hardships of a long March in Winter and a short but severe Campaign for the Prospect of giving a decisive Blow.

As to Covering for a Body of Militia we could not have Houses or Tents but for a few. they must be content with such temporary Huts as could be made, and as to Subsistance I think there would not be much Danger of Want, thou' I assure you our present Numbers have come very near to it. (the Resignation of the late Commy General is often mentioned & regretted.)

If the Scheme won't do this Winter, could 15 or 20000 Militia be collected by 1st of March or April & brought to this Place. I put a large number, because the Superiority ought to appear manifestly on our side.

I have furnished You with a Heap of undigested Thoughts for Your Speculation. Our Continental Debt accumulates beyond Conception. should you think it takes 100,000 Dollars to support our Land Army in all the Departments for *one* Day only. Our Money in a Year or two will, it seems, ruin us. it behooves us to essay some vigorous Measures to finish the War.

16th Evening Our Flag was flying Yesterday at Fort Mifflin, nothwithstanding a most furious Fire almost all the Day.

I wrote to Col Williams to vest our Money in a Loan Office Certificate. he writes me he has exchanged about half of it for Connecticut Bills.

I wish you would desire Lieut Tracy who is now on Furlough at Home to call upon Jeri Wadsworth as he returns to Camp. I have wrote Col Wadsworth for some Connecticut made spirit from Corn Stalks for General Washington to send to his Friends in Virginia.

The last Letter I have from You was the 21st last Month.

I am, with affectionate Remembrances,
Your Son,
JED HUNTINGTON

Please to inform Brot A H that his Letter of the 30 Sept never reached me till the 8th November. as it needs no immediate Answer he must excuse my Writing to the next Opportunity. Letters sent to General Putnams Head-Quarters will always come from thence to me in Safety & expeditiously

Honorable Major General HUNTINGTON

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

You will wonder we should ever suffer for Want of Provisions but in forced and sudden Marches it has several Times happened, it will be less frequent I hope after the new Comisary General has had more Experience.

The last Letter I had from you, which was the last from any of my Friends east of Hartford, was dated the 21st October.

I inclose you a Letter from Miss Moore who I suppose as now with You and I hope will render herself agreeable to You and my Friends.

Eliphalet Huntingtons Engagement for the Year will expire in April, if Things wear the same Face as at present It will be well for him to be thinking of some Employment in Case it should not be worth my While to continue him, it seems to me I can have no Business for him

My affectionate Respects to my many Friends and remain

your affectionate son
JED HUNTINGTON

I wrote You a few Days since desiring you to send me ℔ Lieut Tracy my blue Cloth Waistcoat & two pair white worsted Stockings, I mention it again lest that letter has miscarried.

Hon^ble JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^r
[Indorsed] Brig Gen^l Huntington Dec^r 1^t 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

1st Lieut:	2d Lieut:	Ensigns
Zeb: Farnham	Aaron Hale	Joshua Tracy
Sim: Huntington	John Harris	Elisha Brewster
Abraham Wright	Eben^r Perkins	Daniel Knowlton
Jonathan Humphry	Simeon Newell	Elijah Ransom
Abner Bacon	Thomas Haydon	Richards } Wyllys
John Barnard	Eben^r Wright	Hubbard }
Eliphalet Chamberlain	Samuel Campbell	
Daniel Dunham	Elisha Abbe	
Stephen Keyes; Tylers; R: Warner, Wyllys.	McGregor of Tylers	
	Cleft }	
	Stillwell } Wyllys	
	Hart }	

Brother Eben^r seems to be of the Mind to come into my Reg^t upon the whole I do not know but it is best that he should. I propose to have Bro^r Eb & G: Carpenter in my Mess as soon as I get my Hut done.

I forget what are all the Things I have wrote to you for, when you get Home please to send me what Bro^r A: has not

On the other Side I have made a List of the Officers mentioned in my Letters who are Captains or ought to be.

Capt: Abraham Tyler P. Huntington's Reg^t

Capt	P	Isham	}
Capt	P	Wells	} Chesters
1 L^t	P	Bulkley	}

Capt:	P	E: Huntington	Wylly's
1st Lieut	P	Champion	
1st Lieut	P	Jacob DeWit	
1 Lieut	P	Stephen Keyes	Tyler's
Capt:	P	Eldridge	
Capt	P	Sill	
Capt		Watrous	
Capt		Gallup	

Those with P. I would prefer because am most acquainted with their Characters

from your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

P. S. why have Congress secured Lands to inlisted Soldiers who serve during the War or are discharged & not to those who serve part of the Time perhaps half a Dozen Years and dye of natural Deaths or Casualties.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

White Marsh 9th Decr 1777.

Dear Sir,

I am this Evening favoured with your agreeable Letter of the 14th of Novr.

If my Courtship has been rather secret, as you observe, I hope from an Acquaintance with Miss Moore, you will not think I have been regardless of an Alliance that may afford the Friends Pleasure, I am sure it will tend to confirm me in the Goodness of my Choice, when I find it approbated by a Sister & Brother whose Esteem I value & whose Affection I sincerely wish the Young Lady to possess. I thank You for the Part you took in our good Fathers Absence.

General Howe came out & took Post on a Range of Hills about two Miles from us last Fryday with an evident Intention of attacking us or bringing us to an Action, we wished and expected the former, but his Conduct has convinced us he judged our Ground too strong and that he meant to draw us out of our Lines. our Light Troops

under Colonel Morgan and our Picquets had several Skirmishes with their advanced Parties but to no great Effect. about the Middle of last Night the Enemy hastily decamped and returned to Philadelphia. Our Numbers were not sufficient to hazard an Attack in their Situation, I suppose they had 10,000 Rank and File, the Country may think strange that we wanted a Sufficiency of Men for this Exigence but so it was, half our Troops are in Hospitals & unfit for Duty & at best our whole Number is a Shame to this great Country, *however this is between You and I*, if we had had 5000 more men at this Time we might in all human Probability have prevented Mr Howes ever returning to the City.

Give my affectionate Respects to Sister &C

I am your Loving Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Majr Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] Majr Joshua Huntington Norwich ℔ Col Frink

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Decr 9th 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

White Marsh 9th Decr 1777

Dear Sir,

I embrace a few Moments to write You by Colonel Frink to acknowledge Your Favour of the 6th Novr.

last Fryday Morning we were alarmed with Approah of the Enemy their whole strength (to about 500) came out of the City and took Post on a Hill Parralel to this we are upon about two Miles apart; we expected & hoped they would attack us several Skirmishes ensued. last Night they hastily decamped and I suppose by this Time are in the City cannot guess where will be our next Movement I cannot inform you, I wish it may not be farther from Connecticut thou' I think it not improbable our Winter Quarters if we are to have any will be further southward. I have not the Least Doubt but the wise Govenor of the World will in good Time send us Deliverance. I inclose a Letter for a

Young Lady who will one Day or other if my Wishes are gratified stand in a near and I hope agreeable Relation to you. Love to sister &C yours affectionate Bro^{r}

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To M^{r} ANDREW HUNTINGTON Comisary Norwich ℔ Favour Col: Frink

[Indorsed] Gen^{l} Jed Huntington Letter Dec^{r} 9 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

WHITE MARSH 10th Dec^{r} 1777.

Dear Sir,

I sealed a Letter to You yesterday inclosing one to Miss Moore, since I am favoured with yours of the 21st Nov^{r}. In which I am unhappy to find the least Umbrage taken at my Conduct respecting my intended Connection with the above named Young Lady. so far as the most cordial Affection would carry me in discovering my Intentions in any Matter whatever, so far you might well expect to be in my Secrets, for there is no One of my Friends I think I could rely on with more Safety, but I had Reasons for keeping my Designs of this Sort to myself, which I could better lay open to you at an Interview than by Letter, One of which was, that as I had determined to continue in the Army as long as my Services were wanted, and did not think of marrying whilst the War continued, it didn't seem best to say any thing about my Friendship for Miss Moore untill some Event should alter Circumstances, that Event took Place upon Sir Henry Clinton's Expedition up the North River. by which the Young Lady was stripped of her Friends and it was rendered necessary in Point of Delicacy on her Part that I should avow my Intentions before she could put herself under the Particular Care of my Friends. I had indeed in the early Part of our Acquaintance, broached the Matter to Father and to Col Trumbull that he might in proper Time make it known to Governor Trumbulls Family as I thought it my Duty to do. no One else knew it from me untill I sent the publication to our

Father and then I meant and expected that every One would know it. in Fathers Absence Mama gave the Note to Joshua had it been to you 'twould have been the same.

I am much obliged to you for your Commendation of my Choice and for your Intentions of acting the friendly at present, and by & by the brotherly Part. I do not in the least doubt of experiencing much Affection exercised towards me & Miss Moore both from you and your dear Consort. you cannot conceive with what eagerness I should have hasted to a share of the Turkey and the dear Company could a few Steps or even a few Miles have brought it to pass.

Give my Love to Sister, I wish her good Mind to write me had extended itself to Practice, remember me to all Friends and believe me to be

Your very affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

P S the Breeches you are making had best come to Hubbard or Flint. Bro^{r} Eben^{r} is not at this Camp

M^{r} ANDREW HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To M^{r} ANDREW HUNTINGTON Comisary Norwich

[Indorsed] Gen^{l} Jed Huntington Letter Dec^{r} 10 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Head Quarters 10th Dec^{r} 11 oClock at Night 1777.

Honored Sir,

I have to acknowledge your Favours of the 17th & 22^{d} of Nov^{r} and, If I have not done it before, yours of the 6th Nov^{r}.

Please to acquaint my dear Friend Miss Moore that I have rec^{d} her very acceptable Letters of the 21st & 28th of last Month and had devoted this Evening to answer them, but have been unexpectedly called out on Business and just returned, fear I shall not find Time to do that Justice to her Favours of this Kind which I ought and wish to do, If I possibly can, shall yet scribble a few Lines to her.

The army marches to Morrow Morning at four oClock across the Schuylkill for Winter Quarters of some Kind or other, I can hardly tell what and where.

Miss Moore speaks in the highest and most feeling Terms of the Kindness of my Parents and Connections, I cannot express the Satisfaction I feel in hearing that she and my Friends are so happy in each other and have no Doubts of its Continuance I hope it will please God in his Great Mercy to restore Peace to the Land e'er Long, that I may return to the Duties and Joys of Domestick Life. in the mean Time I commend myself my Nancy & all my dear friends to the Care of a kind Providence.

please to give my sincere Love to Mama &C &C &C

from your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Hon^ble^ JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq^r^

[Indorsed] Dec^r^ 10 1777 Brig Gen^l^ H

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

[Cam]p VALLEY FORGE 20 Dec^r^ 1777

My dear Sir,

On the 12^th^ we left White Marsh and crossed the Schuylkill by a Bridge made for the Occasion at Madson's Ford and were all Night about it. scorching One side at the Fire whilst the other was freezimg in the Wind Rain & Mud, you know a little how good it is.

We are going to work with all our Might and Diligence to bury the Army in Huts at this Place. the General seems resolved to keep us together if possible. whether it is for the best or not, Time will discover. it is impossible to prevent the Enemy from pillaging the Country, if we are here, they will go some where else. the Army needs great Repairs I am sorry we have not better Quarters. our Men, our Horses and Carriages are almost worn out with the constant Marches and Fatigues of the Campaign, and there is scarcely a single Convenience about us but Wood and Water. Forage hardly to be got, and Refreshments impos-

sible. but the Army is well disposed and will try to make the best of it.

Miss Moore expresses so much Happiness among my kind Friends and they equally happy in her, will render my Stay here tollerable till a fairer Opening shall present itself for my Return to my much loved Friends in Connecticut.

Please to deliver the inclosed. give my sincere Love to sister and assure yourself I am, your affectionate

Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

What comes of our Privateer, I have bad Luck, I had best sell out that others may have Luck.

Major HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Major JOSHUA HUNTINGTON Norwich ℔ Favour Rev^d M^r Ellis

[Indorsed] Gen^l Jed Huntington Dec^r 22 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp VALLEY FORGE 20 Dec^r 1777.

Hon^d Sir,

We are set down for the Winter unless the Enemy are pleased to open New Scenes for us. this Place is on the South Side of Schuylkill about one Mile from it and 21 from Philad^a.

We are watching a Country that has Little to reward us but I hope it is for the best that we are stationed here though I must say I do not see it.

There is a Necessity of the respective States doing some thing to facilitate the apprehending Deserters and those who outstay their Furloughs, when Officers are sent after them they have Address enough or Friends to keep them out of the Way of the Officers.

There have been Instances of Officers recruiting Deserters from the Enemy and giving Certificates of a Substitute inlisted for some two Militia Men, in this there is great Fraud to the Publick as these Deserters are not accepted by the General, I was lately ordered to discharge One of this Character who was inlisted I believe by Lieut: Fox at Dan-

bury and who I suppose has received a large Sum of Money as usual.

Mr Ellis has rode Home my Mare that I had of Brother Joshua, as she appears to be far advanced with Foal. If you can send me a Horse in Exchange I shall be obliged as it takes a Little Estate to buy a good Horse here. I shall be glad to have a decent looking Horse and if possible, One that will keep himself in Case with poor keeping. I want a strong common snaffle Bridle with black Reins if may be, white will answer, that is, the common Colour of the Leather. this Bridle and the blue Waistcoat I sent for some time ago if Mr Ellis can bring them I shall be glad to have by him.

I am very anxious to know the Intentions & Plans of Congress respecting another Campaign. I hope Measures will be entered into to convince the Enemy we are in Earnest, their burning the Country as they have done is an Evidence they despair not only of conquering but of holding it in Subjection, save by the Sword.

a large Number of Blankets we are told are arrived at the Southward, Congress have made another fair Promise as to Clothing. but it is as yet upon Paper only. I wish the Army could see Something real. the Connecticut Troops are the best clothed of any, but they are more indebted to their State than the Continent. the State will have a Right to charge the Continent for the Blankets they have furnished their Soldiers as the Continent mean to allow every Soldier a Blanket or its Equivalent in Money I think they are estimated at Six Dollars, many however of the Blankets which were provided by the Towns were very poor.

I am favoured with yours of the 1st Decr some more Clothing is arrived from Connecticut near Camp and Mr Flint writes me from Danbury that more is on the Way.

Every Letter from my Friends assures me of the Love and Complacency subsisting between them and Miss Moore I shall be less uneasy with my Absence and I think my Friends will too, when I have sent them so worthy a Representative.

Every Mark of Love and Affection are due to Mama &C &C from

Your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Hon^ble^ Maj. Gen^l^ HUNTINTON

[Indorsed] Brig^r^ Gen^l^ H Dec^r^ 20^th^ 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp VALLEY FORGE 20 Dec^r^ 1777.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you the 10^th^ since am without any of your Favours. I wish I could tell you I was coming to see you, instead of that I am going to build me a House in the Woods, what do you think of the Armys making two thousand Log Houses in all the Regularity of an Encampment.

How do the Comisaries go on in putting up salted Provisions. we have lived upon lean Beef till we are tired of the Sight of it. and should You think it, we live from Hand to Mouth for Flour even in this fine Wheat Country. We lay the Fault at the Door of our Providers.

Necessity, the Proverb says, is the Mother of Invention, Salt costs the Inhabitants here 10/ a Quart and hardly got at any Rate. they have a Process of mixing it with Lye made of Walnut Ashes which after boiling affords a pure Pickle free of any disagreeable Taste by which they save & keep in good Order a thousand Weight of Meat with only half a Bushell of Salt.

Lord Cornwallis has been out on this Side with a plundering Party. & I see not what will hinder the Enemy visiting Connecticut whenever the Magazines shall become an inviting Object.

Love to Sister & the little Ones, I remain

your affectionate Bro^r^

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] M^r^ ANDREW HUNTINGTON Comisary Norwich ℔ fav^r^ Rev^d^ M^r^ Ellis

[Indorsed] Gen^l^ Jed Huntington Letter Dec^r^ 20 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp Valley Forge 29 Decr 1777

Dear Sir,

As the Opportunity is so good by Lieut Avery I can't help embracing it, 'thou' I scarcely find Time by Reason of One Business and another to write just now. hope to have more Leisure in a few Days when I shall put Miss Moore in Mind of me by a Letter.

Please to give my Love to her and to Mama &C &C.

the Men from Connecticut engaged for Eight Months set out this Day in a Body under the Conduct of some Officers for Home. their Arms are to be lodged at Fish Kills. their Blankets should be returned to the state or the Value of them taken out of the Bounty that is due to them from the State.

Perhaps a good Opportunity will present of sending me a Horse before Mr Ellis returns and perhaps he will choose to ride a Horse of his own, in that Case he can't bring mine.

Congress have appointed General Conway (who resigned the other Day in a Pet) Major General & Inspector General of the Army, this Appointment gives universal Umbrage to the General Officers of the Army as much to those who are still above him as to those under him. he was a Major only in the Irish Brigade in France with the Rank of Colonel. has had great Experience or rather has been long in Service. his Genius is not more than middling. his Intrigue is Infinite and his Ambition unbounded, I don't think any thing will satisfy him short of the chief Command. his Appointment is an Insult to the Understanding and Sensibility of the general Officers of the Army. the Promotion of Adj: Genl Wilkinson gives great Disgust, there are no less than thirty Colonels who have signed their Resignations in Consequence of it. Congress could not have fallen upon any Measures so dangerous to the Army and more pleasing to the Enemy who well know how much Delicacy All Armies have in this Point. & I can't help believing the honest and well meaning Part of

Congress have been imposed upon and duped by a Cabal which I am confident is in and about them. why may we not suspect as much when we know that Galloway, Allen &C are gone to the Enemy. a Regard to the good of our Country and a Love to our dear and good General (who some wish to have out of the Way) prevents our resenting the Indignity in the most resentfull Manner, we might with great Propriety tell Congress that we consider the late Promotions as an ingenious Intimation that they wish we would Leave the Service. but lest the Cause should suffer by such a Step we shall perhaps do no more than remonstrate.

I hope Colonel Trumbull will accept his Appointment at the Board of War. please to give my Love to him and tell him he must accept for a thousand Reasons which I could tell him of.

the General seems determined to keep us all about him the Winter so that I despair of seeing Norwich which adds much to the Disagreable things here. but I will try to do the best I can. and hope for better Times. I wish Col Trumbull might see this Letter. please to give my Love to Miss Moore. I am wearied & got the head Ach, if I should attempt to write her it would be such a poor dull performance as would not be worth the reading

I am your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Please to give my Love to Col Williams and tell him I never received his Letter of the 29 Nov^{r} till this very Day. I wish him to See what I say as to the late Appointments. Congress are intirely mistaken as to the Merits of General Conway. I should suspect myself of Selfishness was not my Prospects of Advancement so far distant and besides did not I find the Matter as offensive to those who are no ways affected but from a Regard to the Advantage Peace and Honour of the Army and the Salvation of the Country

[Indorsed] Brig^{r} General H Octo^{r} 29th 1777

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Camp Valley forge 1 Jany 1778

I wish You my dear Brother a happy new Year.

Please to pay me by Delivering the inclosed.

The State of Virginia have resolved to make a Draft to fill up their continental Battalions. they have resolved for the present Necessity to send us 5000 Volunteers to serve Six Months from their Arrival in Camp, these are to be exempted from the Draft, so they may be expected immediately. there is on the Way from that State Clothing and Refreshments to the Amount of two hundred thousand Dollars for the Use of their Troops. to be deliv^{d} at Prices in proportion to their Wages in some Measure. Good Broad Cloth @ 40/ ℔ y^{d} fine Linnen @ 12/ &C. If this Resolve to fill up the Battalions is carried into Execution as I doubt not it will be and the other States follow the Example, it will take from the Enemy all Hopes of further Success. my Love to Sister and all Friends I wish them many happy new years and Every Blessing.

your affect: Bro^{r}

JED HUNTINGTON

Major Huntington

[Indorsed] Gen^{l} Jed Huntington Jan^{u} 1st 1778.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp Valley forge 1 Jan^{y} 1 1778.

Hon^{d} Sir,

I improve a few Moments and but a few I have to inform of a little piece of Success to our Arms Yesterday. a Brig of 6 Guns from N York to Philadelphia run aground near Willmington where General Smallwood is stationed with the two Maryland Brigades. he sent a Party and two field pieces to which they surrendered themselves after a few Shot. she has on board a Captain and 67 British Soldiers. a number of Women mostly Officers Wives and a great Quantity of Baggage. it is supposed there is Clothing and Arms. but the Captain does not see Cause to make

known the Contents. the General is looking for himself and by this I suppose has the whole secured. I am in Haste

Your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Hon. JABEZ HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Honorable Major General HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Brig Gen^{l} H Jan^{y} 1st 1778

NATHANIEL SHAW, JR., TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

NEW LONDON January 8th 1778.

Sir

I gave Edw^{d} Hallam an order on you for One hund^{d} barrels of Flower, beg you will Send the Remainder down now that the River is Open, as its much Wanted, and you'l Oblige

Y^{r} hum Serv^{t}

NATH^{L} SHAW JUN^{R}

[Superscribed] To Maj^{r} JOSHUA HUNTINGTON Merch^{t} In Norwich

[Indorsed] Nath^{l} Shaw Jan^{u} 8 1778

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

HARTFORD Jan^{y} 14th 1778

Dear Son

Yours of the 11th Come to hand as to news here nothing Special but the account of a valuable Prise taken in the Delaware which is generally Credited. have not had opp^{ty} to find the price given for Shoes & Stockings but as you mention that the Soldiers are at present pretty well Supplied & Considering the Large quantity of Shoes &C taken at the Delaware think no danger in your delaying a few days untill you Can hear further; I think the Assembly will Likely Lay some new plan in providing Cloathing &C many things are taken up in the Assembly relative to the Currency & the Army but not any of them Compleated as soon as they are will advise Interim with regards to your Dear Partner remain

your Affectionate Parent

JZ HUNTINGTON

P S Majr Phelps is well
[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington In Norwich ℔
Esqr Tracy
[Indorsed] Gen Jabez Huntington Letter Jany 14th 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp Valley Forge 16 Jany 1778

Dear Sir,

I have none of your Favours since that of the 1st of last Month.

I shall have some Interest due at the Loan Office this Winter payble in Bills agreeable to Resolve of Congress. I suppose it will be best to dispose of ye Bills for Money as I imagine they will sell to those who are trading to France with great Discount in favour of the holder. I wish to know whether you can receive the Interest for me without a particular Power for the Purpose. I have forgot the Tenor of the Certificates.

The Troops who have not had the Small Pox are to receive the Infection in Camp in a few Days. should any Men be coming this Way, on Business to be done in Camp, twill be necessary they should be those who have had that Distemper.

If Eliphalet has made any considerable Collections of Money for me, I dont know what to do better with it than to put it into the Loan Office. I mention this as I see not that I am like to visit Home very soon. a constant Attention being required to one Business and Duty and another makes the Time pass off less heavily. nothwithstanding, it is rather irksome to be kept so long from ones Friends. as long as Duty confines me here I will endeavour to content myself

The Life I have led for three or four months past has been as different from the Manner In which I have been used to live as can be imagined & no Consideration but a Sense of Duty could possibly induce me to continue in the Army. I flatter myself that Hostilities will not last a great

while longer. If I am to go through another Campaign I believe I must see Connecticut & take Miss Moore out of your kind Hands and place her in some safe Situation where I can at least once in a While visit her. I shall not mention the Matter to her till I see what a few Months will bring about in the Circumstances of our publick Affairs.

his Excellency thinks it will not do for any of us to leave him, indeed he is spare of it for General Officers. by Reason of Suspensions, being Prisoners, Illness and one thing or other there are only nine Brigadiers & five Maj. Generals for Duty in the Line, and two of them are Frenchmen. when there are not less than fifty or Sixty on the List.

a small Vessel from N York to Philadelphia run aground in the River & fell into the Hands of some Militia tis said she has dry Goods on board.

I should be glad to see the Nomination for Octo^{r} last A Committee of Congress and the Board of War are hourly expected in Camp, I am anxious to know whether Colonel Trumbull takes his Seat at the Board of War. I do sincerely hope he will. I think he will be above entering into Parties and Cabals

January 18th last Evening Roger Manning gave me Your Letter of the 31st Dec^{r}

I observe, in the Articles of Confederation, that all Appointments of Officers of, & under Colonels, for the publick Service are to be by the respective States. how soon it may take place, I don't know, but I thought it well to mention to you the Method observed in the Army as to Promotion which gives universal satisfaction in a Point that has caused as great Uneasiness heretofore, and has been the Means of our loosing many valuable Men who have been superseeded for Want of Attention to this Rule.

Field Officers are to rise in a progresive Line among all the Regiments of the State those under Field Officers are to rise in a progressive Line within their own Regiment, Want of Ability and extraordinary Merit are Exceptions to the Rule.

for Example, in the State of Connecticut if Col: Charles Webb who is the first Col. should die, the oldest Lt Col is to be appointed to his Place, let him belong to what Regiment he may. if a Major should be wanting in one Regiment, the oldest Captain in any of them is to succeed. where a Captaincy is vacant the Oldest Lieut. in that Regiment succeeds.

this comes by Ensign Peck who makes a very good Officer and is well esteemed in Camp.

I have had some thoughts of visiting Congress but they are laid aside. 19th Opportunity offering by Mr Fitch I send this. shall write my other Friends at Norwich by Ensign Peck who goes in two or three Days. I am your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

the Donation from Norwich is very generous & honorable

[Indorsed] Jany 16 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp Valley Forge 18 Jany 1778

Dear Sir

I have none of your Letters unreplied to, I should be glad to have Two hundred Cases & Belts for Bayonets if you can get them made. they are for Bayonets which I am making in my Brigade. if they can be procured on better Terms for Part Pay in Hides, perhaps I can send you some, should there be any empty Teems returning your Way from Camp. I shall also want one hundred Cartridge Boxes and three hundred Shot Bags the Bayonet Cases should be sowed to the Belts which are to go round the Waist. the Boxes & the Bags should be made as Mr Hide made his, to be unconnected with the Belts so as to be taken from them occasionaly. the Bayonets will be all of a Length Mr Peck has one for a Pattern.

should any of Col. Prentices Officers want the Coats and Breeches belonging to their Regts in J Hs Store, they may have, for as many Recruits as they get, giving their Receipt.

If there is an Opportunity I should be glad to have a dozen or Twenty of those Coats & Breeches sent on to the Regiment. Mr Flint will forward them if they are sent to him.

Will you tell Mr Gardner Carpenter that it has been out of my Power to pay Noah Fulford as I have been at a great Distance from him ever since I received his Letter inclosing the State of ye Acct.

A Number of the Scotch Merchants who were expelled Virginia last Year, are come over with immense Quantities of Goods expecting a free Sale. one in particular has 70,000 Sterling worth. they are in Philadelphia at their Wits End to know what to do. they give 4/ a lb for Beef for the People in their Ships whilst the Ice is cutting & thumping them to pieces.

My Love to Sister. I remain
your affect Brother
JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington
[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington Norwich ℔ favour Mr Peck
[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Letter Jany 18 & 21st 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Camp Valley Forge 19th Jany 1778

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge yours of the 31st of Decr. the Donation from Norwich to their Soldiers is indeed generous. I doubt not that proper Care will be taken of the Families of Soldiers which the Soldiers here are led to believe are in a suffering Condition.

I believe Capt Billings has done well in selling as Circumstances were. I wish you may be right in thinking he will make a saving Voyage.

The Camp is very barren of News. it is in general pretty healthy. remember me most affectionately to Sister &C and believe me to be dear Sir,

your affectionate Brother
JED HUNTINGTON

January 20th

This Morning between One & two hundred of the Enemys Dragoons, by a circuitous March surprised a Party of our light Horse that did not consist of as many Persons as there were Windows in the House where they were, yet they baffled them and obliged them to retire with the loss of two killed and four wounded. Capt. Lee had Lieut. Lindsey, a Corporal & four privates with him, Major Jameson happened to be there and played his Part. I don't know a more gallant Action that has been done since the War commenced

yours

J H

The Enemy after despairing of entering the House went to the Barn after Lees Horses. but he kept up so warm a Fire upon them from one of the Windows that they scampered off without meddling with the Horses. all the Injury our brave Fellows sustained was having one Man wounded.

Major Huntington

[Superscribed] Majr Huntington

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Jany 19 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Valley Forge Jany 24, 78

Hond Sir

I have Time after writing Nancy to give you but a short Letter. I will try to come Home the latter End of next Month but cannot be too sanguine.

I would the Horse (Grey) come on. I must give him to Genl Wayne he wont take any Money for him. I can make out for my self here. Mr Fulsom and Gerry are here, part of the Committee expected from Congress. I suspect the Board of War won't come by what I have heard to day. it is a little strange, we have no News since I wrote you last

I remain, with Love and Respects to all friends,

your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Genl Huntington

[Indorsed] Brigr Genl H Jany 16 & 24 1778

NATHANIEL SHAW, JR., TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

New London Jan^{y} 30th 1778

Sir

I wrote you in Regard to Flower. that is the Remainder of the Wheat that you Received from Mess^{rs} Bill & Perkings more then I gave you an order for, and have not Rec^{d} any Answer. I want a Quantity of Ship bread and I must have it, beg you'l let me know what is become of it, that I may not be Disapointed, & You'l oblige

y^{r} hum Serv^{t}

NATH SHAW Jun^{R}

P S I had Rather have Bread than Flower N S

[Superscribed] To Maj^{r} Joshua Huntington Merch^{t} In Norwich

[Indorsed] Nath^{l} Shaw Jan^{y} 30 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Valley Forge 20 1778

Dear Sir,

I have wrote you & all my Friends many Letters since I have had the Pleasure of hearing from many of you. I am run out of Waistcoats. if you sho'd come across some good white B^{d} Cloth or fine swanskin I wish you would secure me enough for a Waistcoat & Breeches or Waistcoat only. M^{r} Fanning will be able to give You all the News more fully than I can in a Letter. my Love to Sister &C &C.

I am your affect^{e} Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

M^{r} And Huntington

[Superscribed] M^{r} Andrew Huntington Norwich ℔ M^{r} Fanning

[Indorsed] Gen^{l} Jed Huntington Letter Feb^{y} 20th 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Valley Forge 20, 1778

Hon^{d} Sir,

your agreeable Fav^{r} of the 22^{d} reached me the 16th. I did hope to visit my Friends before the Close of Winter.

I refer you to my Letter to the Governor respecting Provisions. there is no Prospect of any Operations in the field untill Grass fed Beef is to be had. I doubt not a merciful God will in some Way or other, and in his own good Time appear for and deliver us. I thought we might have had an early vigorous Campaign and taken Advantage of the Weakness of our Enemies. but Matters in that Light look unpromising. there is not what can be called a Magazine of Provisions in all this Quarter.

There is Probability of a general Exchange of Prisoners soon taking Place.

There are daily Desertions from the two Armies, I don't know whether we or the Enemy have most to brag of. the Com^e of Congress are still siting when they rise I hope to obtain the Gen^l Consent for a Furlough. in mean Time I hope my Friends will not think my Love for them is in the least diminished, but that insuperable Obstacles have prevented my seeing them as soon as I wished and intended.

Love to Mama &C &C.

Your affect son
J HUNTINGTON

Hon. Jab Huntington Esq
[Indorsed] Feb^y 20^th 1778 Brig^r G Huntington

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

York Town 24^th February 1778

Sir

You will See King George^s Speach at the opening of his parliament before this comes to hand which is as late as any Intelligence we have from there, The Assembly of Virginia have fully approved & Acceeded to the Articles of Confederation have not heard the determination of any other State on the Subject

A general Cartel for exchange of prisoners hath taken place between Generals Washington & Howe, which is all

the Intelligence I am able to communicate more than you will find in the public papers

I am Sir with much Esteem
your humble Servant
SAM[L] HUNTINGTON

Gen[l] Jz Huntington
[Superscribed] For Maj[r] General Jz Huntington In Norwich In Connecticutt ℔ M[r] Nevis
[Indorsed] S. Huntington Esq 24 feb[y] 78

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp Valley Forge 22[d] Feb[y] 1778

Hon[d] Sir,

I wrote You yesterday by M[r] Fanning. since which the Officers of Col Prentices Reg[t] have been with me to desire my Influence in the Appointment of a Commanding Officer. they were afraid that Colonel Prentice would make Interest to get himself appointed by the Governor & Council. I told them it was not to be supposed the Governor & Council would fill up Vacancies at the very Time when General Washington was doing the same, as it must create Confusion. besides it was in Contemplation to reduce the Number of Regiments, in which Case there might not be Occasion for any more Officers. the Officers of that Reg[t] understand they have not an Allotment of Clothing in Proportion to their Numbers on account of the Surplus of Prize Clothing remaining of what they had last Year. the Officers themselves are as needy as those of any other Regiment, and it is to be wished they might receive an equal Share of the new Clothing for the Soldiers for the Sake of Uniformity. it was the Generals Wish that all the Troops might be dressed alike and a snug Uniform has been recommended accordingly. Colonel Swift has a Lieut gone Home to superintend the making up his Clothing who knows what the Patterns are. the clothing left in your Store ought to be coloured some other Colour as many In-

conveniences arise from our Troops being clad in the usual Habits of our Enemies.

The Commee of Congress are still on Business and when they will finish I cannot say. I am very desirous to wait the Result of their Session and to see to any new Arrangements and Appointments that may take Place in my Brigade. I have no Letter from Norwich since the 12th of January. I remain with the warmest Affection for my Friends there.

your dutiful son
JED HUNTINGTON

I have been expecting Mr Ellis these some Days with my Gray Horse and a blue Waistcoat

Hon JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esqr

[Indorsed] Feby 22d 1778 Brigr G Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp VALLEY FORGE February 23d 1778

Dear Sir,

I will be glad to have you procure One hundred Bayonet Cases and Belts to buckle round the Waste in the cheapest Terms for Money. least Hides can not be had. please to omit sending the Coats which I desired for Prentices Regiment. thank you for cumforting Sister Nancy. I should in good Conscience come Home. but am very anxious to see the Accomplishment of many matters of Consequence which are upon the Carpet, which I hope will not take up many weeks more.

the Camp affords you no News at present, we have Reports of Diserters one Day that the foreign Troops are embarking, another Day that Howe is shiping off the new Levies to the West Indies, but we give not much Credit to what they say. however I think it likely they will show their green Coats some foul Play or other. not much Matter what goes with them.

give my Love to sister an accept the same from your affe Bror

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington Comisary Norwich To be left with Col. Wadsworth or Col. Chester to forward

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Letter Feby 23d 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Valley forge March 6 1778

Dr Sir,

It is proposed to model our Army much like the British. it will, we think, be better & cheaper. the Regts are to consist of nine Companies one of them to be light Infantry and always kept full by Drafts from the others Each Company to have only one Lieut. the Field Officers to command Companies. so that we shall have a much less Number of Officers. the Staff are to be taken from the Line. the Light Troops are to form a seperate Corps in the Field and commanded by select Officers. Pay Masters are to be from the Line of Captains and therefore our friend Rufus Abell must leave the service unless he can be provided for some other Way. for which I am very sorry, as he has given very good Satisfaction.

Adjutants & Qr Masters are to be from the subaltern Line. there is to be only one Chaplain to a Brigade. perhaps I may be able to inform You more in my next. my Love to sister. why dont you send a Letter from Nancy to your affect: Bror

JED HUNTINGTON

Major Huntington

[Superscribed] Major Joshua Huntington Norwich ℔ Lieut Blodget to be left at Col Wadsworths

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington March 6th 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Valley Forge March 6 1778

Dr Sir,

I acknowledge yours ℔ Mr Ellis. I knew Mr Peck did not carry the Bayonet but I thought that sergeant Burnham

did. If you cant find one of the french Guns Bay[t] for a Pattern handily, let the Matter rest I will try to get them elsewhere.

A new Comisary General will be appointed. I believe Jeri Wadsworth may have it if he will. he wont take it, I know, upon the present Plan, but I think Congress will be willing to alter it. Our worthy General wrote Congress largely on the subject imediately upon the Alteration that was made in the Department and exactly foretold them all the ill and dangerous Consequences that would follow but they did not or would not believe him. they are heartily sick of, and I think sorry for, the Measure. there has been some little skirmishes between our and the Enemys foraging Parties in the Jersies but nothing of Importance has come of them, we have done what we could in destroying the Forage and bringing of the Cattle contiguous to the Enemy. my Love to Sister &C &C

Your affect[e] Brother
JED HUNTINGTON

M[r] A. HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] M[r] ANDREW HUNTINGTON Comisary Norwich To the Care of Col: Wadsworth

[Indorsed] Gen[l] Jed Huntington Letter M[ch] 6[th] 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

VALLEY FORGE 13[th] March 1778

Hon[d] Sir,

This comes by General Sullivan who is going to take Command at Providence. he is a very valuable Officer notwithstanding some have attempted to injure his Character.

General Greene is appointed Quarter Master General. who will, I am confident, soon put that Department in a respectable Condition.

Capt Barry with some continental Soldiers in armed Boats in the Delaware has taken an armed Vessell of the Enemies and two Transports from Rhode Island loaded chiefly with Hay. the two latter he burn't the other he was

obliged to abandon after taking out her Guns and other valuable Articles as he was hard push'd by several Frigates and other Vessels of force.

The Conference on the Subject of a general Exchange of Prisoners is postponed to the last of this Month for urgent Reasons.

Among the Letters on Board Capt Barry's Prizes is one, mentioning the Embarkation of three hundred foreign Troops the 19th Decr bound for N York. when they come, it is probable we shall have it announced in their Papers that as many thousand have arrived. several of these Letters which are from the Hessian Officers in N York to their Friends in Philadelphia mention it as the Opinion of many, and their own hearty wish, that a Peace would soon take Place.

I hope every Nerve will be exerted to render our Army formidable. we could not hardly wish Genl Howe in a more convenient Situation to attack than he is now in, had we but our Compliment of Troops, if every State had done like Connecticut, he would in all probability shared the Fate of Genl Burgoine long before this.

affectionate Remembrances to Mama and all friends conclude me

Your affecte Son
JED HUNTINGTON

Hon. Jabez Huntington
[Indorsed] B G Huntington 13 March 78

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Valley Forge March 15, 1778

Hond Sir,

I am distresd that the Army & the publick service should be so triffled with and imposed on as to have Deserters & Prisoners inlisted. when they get here they will be discharged. most of them however have saved the Trouble, for they have deserted on their Way to Camp. there is not the least Dependence to be put upon them. and yet I am

told they are paid the Continental & State Bounties besides large sums as Substitutes for Militia.

Your Favour of the 5th inst: came to hand Yesterday. I wrote you Yesterday Morning by Genl Sullivan.

Please to give my Love to Mama and all Friends

your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

17th

I am ordered to Fish Kills on a Court of Enquiry on the Loss of Fort Montgomery. when the Business is finished the General expects I will visit my Friends. the other Members of the Court are General McDougal & Col: Wigglesworth. I have nothing to add but that I am with Remembrances to Mama & all friends

Your affecte son

J HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] B G Huntington 15 March 78

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Fish Kills 24th 1778

Hond Sir,

I wrote you by Bentley. suppose he is with You before this. the Business upon which I am here is not in so good Forwardness as I could wish. and as the Gentlemen principally concerned are not present, I am unable to guess when we shall finish it. I shall apply myself diligently to it that I may visit Norwich as soon as possible.

Please to forward the inclosed Letter to R Island by first safe Conveyance. my Loving Remembrances to Mama &C &C.

and am your affecte son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] [ ] Huntington Esquire Norwich

[Indorsed] March 24th 1778 Br Gl H

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Camp Valley forge 30 May 1778

Dear Sir

You told me you would let me have some good Spirit in Case of Necessity. I wish you to keep me half a Barrel in Reserve till I write you again. a creditable Person just out of the City says the Enemy will probably leave it in a Day or two. the Ships begin to fall down the River. he says he thinks they intend to march by Land to south Amboy

Evening. We hear this Moment the Enemy pass'd over into the Jersies this day. Gen^{l} Poor's, Varnums & Huntingtons Brigade, under Gen^{l} Lee march Tomorrow Morning at 4 ^{o}Clock I am in Haste D^{r} Sir

Your affect^{e} Bro^{r}

J HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Major Joshua Huntington
[Indorsed] Gen^{l} Jed Huntington May 30th 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Valley forge 2^{d} June

Dear Sir

We are here still althou' we have been under marching Orders several Days. as the Enemy have been continualy at Work in Preparations to leave the City for a Month or more we must believe they are near or quite ready.

if they go to N York as we expect. we should take our Course that Way. they would I dare say be glad to see us divide here that they might attack us in Part. but we shall not give them the Opportunity. Our Army is in such Condition and Numbers that we would gladly meet them with our whole strength.

There has been great Plenty of Rain in these Parts since last Sunday Week. the Apple Bloom here & in Jersey was good. my Love to Sister &C. I remain

Your affectionate Bro^{r}

J HUNTINGTON

A Huntington Esq^{r}
[Indorsed] Gen^{l} Jed Huntington Letter June 2nd 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

VALLEY FORGE 5th June 1778

Dear Sir

Just as I was coming out of Norwich Peter Plumb produced me a Certificate from Doctor Turner purporting that he was unfit for Duty in Camp but was able to work at his Trade. I trouble with you an order for him to apply to Qr Mr Hubbard at Hartford or to Col Hay D Q M G at Fish Kill to be employed by them wish You to send it to him & inform me whether he is gone in your next.

7th Mr Loring Comy of Prisoners officially informed us the Day before Yesterday that the Army was about to leave Philada. that Genl Clinton did not wish to carry off the Prisoners of War but would send them out to us or leave them in the City provided we would promise to let them have as many in Exchange at some other Time.

Sunday Evening. The Commissioners are arrivd in Philadelphia. Governor Johnstone, Earl of Carlisle & Mr Eden a Brother of the late Governor Eden Lord Howe & Genl Clinton are the other two. Lord Cornwallis is returned. whether their Arrival will delay the Army leaving Philada or not a few Days will discover. please to give my Love to sister.

from your affect Bror

JED HUNTINGTON

Great Numbers of Recruits have come in from Maryland & the Jersies. their Regiments will outnumber ours. those from Maryland are for the War. There has been a rebellious Rising of one of the Counties in England in Opposition to the raising of Recruits for the american War. give my Love to Thos Fanning & tell him I will write him in a few Days about his Ration Acco sent to Major Alden.

Mr ANDREW HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Mr ANDREW HUNTINGTON Comissary Norwich

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Letter June 5th 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Valley Forge 10 June 1778

Hond Sir

This comes by General Varnum who will call upon you. I have invited him to make a Stage at your House. he will be able to give you more Particulars of Affairs in the Army than I can write. Nothing of Importance has transpired since the Arrival of the Commissioners.

I most ardently hope for a speedy End to the War. and I think it seems to be the Wish of almost every one. our Army in Point of Dicipline has never been so respectable as at present. it is a humiliating Consideration to think we can't oblige the Enemy to quit the Country.

Please to give my Love to Mama, &C &C

from your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

P S I trouble you with 500 doll: to be put into Loan Office or otherwise disposed of as you may think proper.

10th P S Yesterday a Doctor Ferguson Secretary to the Commissioners came out in his Charriot & four in Order to go to Congress. he was stop'd in his Career by Col Morgan who commands near their Lines who told him he could not let him pass. he then desired to go to Head Quarters but was denied. Col Morgan told him if he had any Dispatches for Congress or the General they should be faithfully communicated

The Soldiers in Philadelphia have been permitted to burn Lord North in Effigy & to threaten to Mob Governor Johnstone. I suppose they mean by it to make us think they are displeased that there should be Propositions of Peace, & to make us believe they had rather fight us.

[Indorsed] Brigr Genl H June 10th 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

June 16th

Dear Sir

We are still at Valley forge. expecting to march every Hour. last Accounts say the British Army were allmost

all out of the City on the Jersey Side. every thing on Board Ship & most of them down the River. some think they will go to N York by Amboy. others guess they will march down & embark at Salem. I am of the latter Opinion we see now the Want of an Army equal to theirs on both Sides of the River. Congress have not given an Answer to the Dispatches from the Commissioners. I make no Doubt they (the Congress) will stand to their Text if they make any Answer.

If the British Army had good Opportunity they would soon desert to us in great Numbers. no less than 96 came out in the Month of May. they are no Advantage to us otherwise than weak'ning the Enemy. a very intelligent Surgeon by Accident fell into our Hands the other day. he says the Regiments of Dragoons & the Drafts from the Guards are absolutely ordered Home. all Obstacles to a general Exchange are at length removed.

For my Part I see no great Probability of a Negotiation between Congress & the Commissioners. their abominable Pride will carry them to demand greater Terms than we can allow and to insist on them till we shall deny the less. they never could bear to think us upon any Equality with them, they know they cant subdue us. they can't love us, it is not in their Nature. they will, I fancy, after a few frivolous hopeless Attempts towards a Reconciliation leave us to ourselves. dont however let us relax a single Nerve. all we wish is ours if we are not wanting to ourselves.

A french Man of War of 50 Guns is actually arrived in Chesapeak Bay with a Cargo for Continent that cost 5,000,000 Livres upwards of 200,000 sterling Linnens Woolens &C.

I trouble you with a Letter for Nancy. please to give my Love to Sister &C & believe me your affectionate Bro^{r}

J HUNTINGTON

Major HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Major HUNTINGTON Norwich

[Indorsed] M Gen^{l} Huntington June 16 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

PARAMUS 14 July 1778

Hond Sir

I wrote you Yesterday by Lt Billings of Groton to the Care of Mr Nathl Shaw inclosing a Letter for Nancy & a small Bundle contg 600 dollars. We had authentic Advice last Night of the Arrival of the french fleet on the Coast. it consists of one 90 Gun ship 2 of 80 8 of 74 & 4 frigates making 11 sail of the Line & four frigates under the Command of Count de Estaing. they took off a Number of Pilots between Delaware & Chesapeak Bay and were bound into the Delaware untill they heard the British fleet had gone to the Hook. the same fleet has since appeared off the Hook and taken some fishermen. the English fleet at N[ ] out to make Discoveries last Week & returned in a[ ] the french fleet met with the Lydia an english ship of War [ ] the Coast & sunk her. this stroke will unavoidably open the Ba[ ]

16 I am now at Peeks Kill in Order to proceed with the Business of Court Martial. the 2d Division of the Army will cross the North River by Tomorrow Night. the 3d may be over by Monday or Tuesday. the General has recd Letters from the french Admiral acquainting him that he was ready at the Hook with 12 ships of the Line & 4 frigates to cooperate with him against the common Enemy Lt Col Laurens one of the Generals Aids de Camps has gone down to see him. he has taken Quarters at Shrewsbury near where his fleet lays. I think the french have not departed from their wonted Policy. just as we had finished the War. they have step'd in, & will, by their engaging, oblige us to continue in it as long as they please. 21st Yesterday I recd yours of the [ ] the whole Army are now in & near White Plains. this [ ] by Major Bigelo of Hartford. I shall write you again in a few Days. five Deserters came out Yesterday my Love to Mama &C.

Your affectionate son

J HUNTINGTON

Hon. JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esqr

[Indorsed] July 14th 16th & 21st Brigr G H

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

White Plains 26 July

Hond Sir

I have your favour ℔ Morgan of the 19th The french fleet has left the Hook & you have by this heard of them your Way I suppose. it is my Opinion that the Army in N York would take this Opportunity to run off if they knew where to go & were supplied with Provisions which are scarce among them as all Accounts agree. a few Days will produce something important your Way I have no News to give you. the Tryal of Genl Lee is not yet closed. my Love to Mama &C &C.

your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Honorable Jabez Huntington Esquire
To the Care of Mr Comissary Little
[Indorsed] July 26th 1778 Brigr Genl H

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

White Plains 7 Aug 1778

Dear Sir

I found a Letter in the Post Office for Bror Ebenr & knowing it to be your hand I took the Liberty to break it open supposing it might concern some Business to be done here. it is dated the 7th July. if one of my strong Cases in the Cellar with strong Bottles in it & a strong Lock upon it & the Bottles full of your good Spirit & a good Opportunity to send it to me was put (with all these *ifs*) in Motion, I should have no Objection.

It begins to be credited that Admiral Byron has arrived at N York with one Ship only. if this is true it is likely he is to succeed Lord Howe & that the English fleet is not to be reinforced. Deserters are coming out daily. a few Days ago a Corporal & Six, all british, came out together.

I inclose a Letter for Ebenr which came to hand yesterday. & one I recd from Jabez Perkins. Part of the Con-

tents may be News to you.

I am dear Sir

affectionately your Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Love to Sister, Betsey &C.

Major HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Gen[l] Jed Huntington Aug[t] 7[th] 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

NORTH CASTLE 12[th] Aug[st] 1778

Hon[d] Sir,

Your agreeable Favour of the 31[st] [ ] reached me last sunday. the Tidings I have of Nancy's [ ] administer great Pleasure to me. I can't but flatter myself that [ ] Affairs will soon permit me to come Home & take Care of her at [ ] a Disposition of her against the ensuing Event. as I am looking daily for great Changes in the Situation of Affairs I don't know how to form a Plan of my private Concerns for the Time to come. Nancy fears she shall soon be troublesome where she is (indeed it is not proper she shou'd continue there a great while longer) and wishes to go into my House this I should like above all things if I cou'd spend the Winter at Home but if I am obliged to stay in the Army I should rather [ ] House in the Vicinity of the Army. provided I can ma[ ] Guess where Winter Quarters will be. I am obliged [ ] Expence of a Family, such as it is, in Camp. [ ] of every Kind wou'd not enable me to support myself & [ ] Attendents &C in Camp & a Family at Home as Prices [ ] are at present. but Expence is not all. seems to [ ] be contented to be absent from her. however a few Days may make it more clear what is best for me to do. the Court Martial on Gen[l] Lee is just finished but the Sentence will not be known untill it has been to Congress. Love to Mama &C.

I am

your affect[e] son

J HUNTINGTON

Hon[ble] JABEZ [ ]

[Indorsed] Aug[t] 12[th] 1778 B[r] G Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

WHITE PLAINS 14th Augst 1778

Dear Sir

I wrote Father & Nancy this Morning ℔ Lieut: Hale of Chatham who had Business at Lebanon & promised to deliver the Letters next Monday. I did not then know of Mr Pecks going Home. Our Ears are open to hear glad Tidings from New Port. perhaps after all fair Appearances we are to be disappointed as has frequently been the Case in this War. we might be too confident that Success was in our own Power, if so, a Season of Anxiety & Tryal of our Faith & a better Confidence may be necessary to prepare us for the wished-for Event. the Fall of New Port will, in all human Probability, terminate the War, indeed I should not be surprised to hear by the next Ship from England that Parliament has acknowledged us independant States & given Orders to withdraw their Forces, whether France will let them go peacably or not is another Thing. 'though I am of Opinion that France will be content for the present if she can see Great Britain fairly & absolutely seperated from her Colonies which made her so powerful a Rival and whose Trade gave her that Superiority by Sea which has so often humbled her Neighbours.

The Sergeant brought me the Wax for which I thank you. I find it is good. give my Love to Nancy it is three or four Hours since I wrote her. Love to sister &C &C.

your affecte Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr ANDREW HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Mr ANDREW HUNTINGTON Norwich ℔ Favour Lieut: Peck

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Letter Augt 14th 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

WHITE PLAINS 14th Augst 1778

Hond Sir

The Sergeant brought your Letter safe. We are led to hope for a successful Issue to Genl Sullivans Expedition.

after which I fancy we shall not be much at a Loss in what Manner to arrange our Affairs here. the Pass of Hell Gate is Opposite York Island which must be in our Hands before we can command that Passage but I suppose two heavy Ships of War or only One with One or two Frigates will answer every Purpose of obstructing the Enemys Course up & down the sound & secure a free Communication with Long Island shoud there be Occasion. I have not the least Doubt our Enemies wish themselves away. & whether it is not our Interest to have them sink no lower in the Scale of Europe. I pretend not to say. if they fall into our hands France will take Advantage of them. however this Talk is not proper for every one to hear. till the British do leave us 'tis doubtless our Duty to croud them &, if that won't do, take or destroy them. Love to Mama &C. I shall write Brother A H ℔ next Opportunity in mean Time I am affectionately your Son

J HUNTINGTON

Hon^ble^ Jabez Huntington Esq.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

White Plains 24 Aug^st^ 1778

Hon^d^ Sir

We have good News from R Island which flatter us with still greater. but it needless to relate it to you as you have it sooner than we. it seems the July Paquet does not give the Enemy much Hope of Succours. their Paper says Admiral Byron sailed in June with a fleet to watch Count d'Estaing. it is most probable he is gone into the Mediterranean. Admiral Kepple has had an Action in the English Channel & taken two french frigates and drove another into some Port in France. As there was no Declaration of War the 8^th^ July it must be concluded that England will if possible avoid one with France. I think I should be rather backward in being much concerned in Privateers at present. how much are my Brothers now concerned in that Way. a Committee of Congress are come & coming to complete the Arrangement of the Army. M^r^ Sherman M^r^ Bannister of

Virginia, Gen[l] Reed of Philad[a] the other two I forget. I had fixed on next Week to make a Visit Home, but I think now I shall not be able to come quite so soon. Love to Mama &C &C

conclude me your affectionate son

J HUNTINGTON

Hon: JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq[r]

[Indorsed] Aug[t] 24[th] 1778 Brig[r] Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

WHITE PLAINS 30[th] Aug[st] 1778

Hon[d] Sir

I wish I had any valuable News to communicate to you. I am not certain whether I wrote you that Lord Howe went out with his Fleet a second Time there are great Movements among the Troops & Ships in & about N York. gives us great Reason to think they are about leaving the City or making some important Push. at any Rate I think they will relieve their Forces at R Island either by taking them off or [ ]ning that Post. & endeavouring to cut off Sul[livan's] Retreat. a very little Time will probably explain their Intentions. I intend to sollicit Leave of Absence as soon as we have finished the Business of the Connecticut Line with the Comm[ee] of Arrangement which we are now upon. unless Matters are opening here for some interesting Event in which Case I shou'd not chuse to be absent. Love to Mama &C

Your affectionate son

J HUNTINGTON

Hon[ble] JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq[r]

[Indorsed] Aug[t] 30[th] 1778 Brig[r] G Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WHITE PLAINS 1 Sep[r] 1778

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your Letter of the 25[th] Aug: if the Rum comes to Stamford I wish It might be addressed to Major Davenport. please to give my Complim[ts] to Capt

And Perkins & tell him I have rec^{d} his favour of the 25th. at present we have not many Hats that are worth binding. Major Biggelo of Hartford is a Deputy Clothier for Connect Troops & will or ought to supply the Troops with Hats. in my Opinion the Tape binding adds much to their Ornament & Usefullness for a Soldier. the Enemies Movements in & about N York are not a little misterious at present however I believe a few Days will unriddle them I am confident they dare not visit us here. perhaps they will make a Diversion Your Way in favour of their besieged Troops at N Port. they must take Care not to make a large Detachment from N York least we should be troublesome to those that are left.

Love to sister &C conclude me your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Maj: HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Jed^{h} Huntington Sep^{t} 1st 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

WHITE PLAINS 9th Sep^{r} 1778

Dear Sir,

I believe I have not acknowledg'd either of your favours of the 28 Aug or 4th of this Month. Although the Disappointment of the Army & the Country is very great upon the Failure of the R Island Expedition as the Success of it would beyond a Doubt have terminated the War immediately, yet we may by & by be able to see wherein Providence meant it for our Advantage that the Matter shou'd turn out as it has. by all the Accounts we get out of New York the Enemy are putting themselves & their Affairs in Readiness for a Departure. we are told they are anxiously waiting the Arrival of the August Paquet.

Our Army is in better Health than usual at this Time of the Year. I have no News of Consequence to give You. my love to Sister &C conclude me

your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington
[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Commissary
Norwich ℔ favr Majr Sill
[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Letter Sept 9 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Norwich Octor 25th 1778

Hond Sir,

I was pleasured with Yours of the 22d. by Mr Fanning I learn that General Parsons has actually left the Service which will make my Return to the Connecticut Troops more necessary. as soon as Eliphalet returns from Boston I shall set out for the Army which will be the last of this or the Begining of next Week unless I find the Troops coming this Way. I cannot recollect any News we have here. the Accounts from N York do not agree that any Part of the British Fleet & Army have left N York. some say they have. but others who came here in the last Flag say they have only fallen down to the Hook. between 5 & 600 frenchmen came in from N York in the Flag they arrived here last Night. Part are gone on this day to Boston.

Nancy & Polly send their duty.

I remain your affectionate Son

JED HUNTINGTON

Love to Col Chester & Family
Genl Huntington

JABEZ HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Hartford Octor 27 1778

Dear Son

These may Inform you that the Treasurer is not yet prepared to give Bills of Exchange on the Loan Office Certificates Shall take the Earliest Opportunity to git ym & forward to Norwich. as to news from the Assembly nothing is got thro worth Noting. as to news from N York

have wrote your Brother. the Barer waiting Cannot add only presenting my regards to your Dear Partner Remain your

Affectionate Parent
JZ HUNTINGTON

Mr Aw Huntington
[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Norwich
[Indorsed] Hon Jabez Huntington Letter Octor 27 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp 2nd Hill in New Milford 15 Nov 1778

Hond Sir,

When I arrived here I found the Division under the Command of General McDougall (consisting of Nixons, Parsons and my Brigades) in expectation of Orders to march farther East or to return towards the North River. There is Talk of our going divers ways. some say to Danbury. others to the Northward but by the Matter's remaining in suspense at this late Day in the Season, I imagine the General still entertains an Idea of N York's being evacuated. I am in hourly Expectation of being determined in this Point about which I am not a little anxious. as I had set my Affections upon Home for this Winter or at least a considerable Part of it. I can't yet learn whether General Parsons Resignation is accepted. he has not yet joined his Brigade since [ ] at Hartford, I sometimes think I have done my Share in this Way & that I had better give Place to others. I am willing to serve my Country as far as is reasonable & I am able. though I at present enjoy a good state of Health I may expect hereafter to feel the Effects of the Hardships I have endured in the service. I flatter myself however the worst is over.

I directed Eliph H to order Bristol, as he had Leisure from House Employments, to cut down the largest of my Walnuts in the second Pasture by Hughes. that if he should get out of Wood, he might get the favour of your Teems to bring a few Loads from thence. as to the Bills of Exchange

you got for me at the Treasury I don't know what is best to do with them. whatever you think best to do with yours I wish you woud do with mine. I woud fain make the most of them. as I find it will be difficult for me to live decently & in Character here and at Home with all my Income, They have asked me here 8/ ℔ lb for Butter. and I have been obliged to give it for some, 'though the general Price is a Dollar. some ask here 40 dollars ℔ bl for syder, the Army grows very uneasy. & I am not without my Apprehensions of bad Consequences if a kind Providence does not open some Door of Relief which the Wisdom of our best Men do not seem able to give.

What Answer did the Governor receive from the General as to his Request for the Troops to be quartered in the State.

Love to Mama &C &C conclude me

your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Major General HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Novr 15 1778 Brigr Genl Huntington

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

DANBURY 22d Novr 1778

Hond Sir,

I received your Favour ℔ Mr Abell but I have no News to give You in Return that is so good as I could wish. 'though all accounts from N York flatter us with the Hope that the Enemy intend to evacuate the City. yet we are chagrined that they delay so long, as the Salvation of the Country seems to depend under Providence upon the Enemys relinquishing their Object & quiting the Country.

Nixons Brigade which did belong to this Division marched Yesterday for the Continental Village. this day Parsons Brigade march'd for Head Quarters to remain there a few days only then to return here again. Gen Parsons has not yet joind them. General McDougall returnd Yesterday from Hartford & is gone to day to Head Quarters I think it probable he will take Command at West Point.

I should be glad that Brother Andrew would send the Prize Cloathing in your Store to Mr Commissary Hubbard to be sent on by first Opportunity to the Care of Colonel Starr at Danbury who now Commands the first Connect Battalion. or if he has Opportunity to send them directly to Col: Starr at Danbury. I intended to have wrote Bror by this Conveyance but must defer it to the next my Love to Mama and all friends. leaves me your affectionate son

J HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Brigr Genl H Novr 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp near Danbury 2d Decr 1778

Dear Sir,

We are made unhappy this day with the News that General Greene, Doctor Cochran & Col: Biddle were made Prisoners at Kakeat (about 7 Miles from Kings ferry on the Road to Morris Town) by a Party of the Enemy who went up the River in some Row Gallies. and carried to N York. *doubtful*

It is computed by some that there are about four Thousand Troops on Long Island & three thousand on York besides three thousand on board a fleet now lying at the Hook commanded by B Genl Campbell where bound not known, tis said that some Merchants have packed up their Goods & some, who are thought as wise in Politics, have not. that four of Admiral Byrons fleet are missing & one very much damaged in a storm sent under Jury Masts to England. that the Commissioners were to sail the 23d Nov in the Lizard & Roebuck. that five of the Cork & Seven of the Quebec fleet were captured by Count d'Estaing. that his Packet & Dispatches had been taken but wrote in such Cyphers that they could not understand them.

7th the News of the taking General Greene &C is reduced to that of the Loss of one of our Deputy Muster Masters. but I am not certain which of them.

We are huting (that is my Brigade) at a place called Umpowaugh on the Line between Danbury & Reading Gen[l] Parsons is about 2 Miles east of me & Gen[l] Poor less than two Miles east of Parsons. I promise myself the Pleasure of seeing you before January is out in mean Time I am your

affectionate Brother
JED HUNTINGTON

Love to sister

I have thoughts of bringing the heaviest Part of my Bagage Home in Order to prepare a lighter Equipage for another Campaign, in Case there is Necessity. will you be so good as to think of some Provision for my Wagon Horses.

M[r] ANDREW HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] M[r] ANDREW HUNTINGTON Norwich Favoured by Lieut: Billings

[Indorsed] Gen[l] Jed Huntington Letter Dec[r] 2[d] & 7 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

READING 9[th] Dec[r] 1778

Dear Sir,

As I am desirous of geting rid of what useless Baggage I have & also of some that General Varnum left in my Hands, I shall, if the Weather permits, send my Waggon to Norwich in a few days.

The Detachment that went from this to Bedford is returned, so also have the Enemy from Tarrytown. I have not a scrap of News to tell you more. please to give my Love to sister & believe me your ever affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

M[r] ANDREW HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] M[r] ANDREW HUNTINGTON Norwich favoured by Capt Perkins

[Indorsed] Gen[l] Jed Huntington Letter Dec[r] 9 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

READING 12th Decr 1778

Dear Sir,

Bartholomew Baker my Waggoner is directed to take his Horses to Colchester. I wish you would procure him good Halters for them if you can, and charge the Q M G for the same. if you should have provided any Forrage it may not come amiss when I come Home. I wish I could give you some News but I have not any worth puting to Paper. Love to Sister &C conclude me

Your affectionate Brother

J HUNTINGTON

Mr ANDREW HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Mr ANDREW HUNTINGTON Norwich ℔ Bentley

[Indorsed] Gen Jed Huntington Letter Decr 12 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

READING 13th Decr 1778

Dear Sir,

I have not much Time to write as I did not expect to send my Letters by Mr Edgerton. he has been disappointed in seeing Colonel Starr so as to get a proper Receipt for the Cloathing. I have advised him not to wait but that I will endeavour to have [ ] properly delivered & receipted.

Indeed I wish I had some News for you. but I have none for myself. I hope to inform you before many Days that my Brigade is huted & that I am coming to pay you a Visit. remember my Love to sister &C. & believe me dear sir

Your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr ANDREW HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Mr ANDREW HUNTINGTON Norwich ℔ Mr Edgerton

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Letter Decr 13 1778

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

READING 23d Decr 1778

Hond Sir,

I hope to get some Business well off my Hands in a few days so as to be at Liberty to visit my Friends

my Brigade are mostly in their Huts notwithstanding the many Rains which have interrupted them in the Work. I intend to make my Way by Wethersfield & if I can bring better Company than I can find here. my Love to Mama &C I remain affectionately Your Son

JED HUNTINGTON

We are now told the Enemy remain about 8000 in N York & that they expect to wait the Proceeding of Parliament this Winter

[Indorsed] Brigr Genl H Decr 23 1778.

JOHN CHESTER TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WETHERSFIELD 4th Febv 1779

Dear Bror

Your several favours of 30th Ulto & 2d Instant I have received. Am endeavoring to purchase the planks & boards, but as I am not yet dismissed from ye Assembly I cant give so good a Judgment whether I can suceed or not. So soon as I can I will ride after them. I observe you limit me to no price. I cannot pretend to guess at the price. Imagin if you have West India goods by you the boards might be bought with those articles more reasonably

I believe I told you that I dispaired of procuring your fifes. But yesterday I heard they make them at Windsor. As to the Drums I desired Col Sage to have them made at Middleton some months since. but never heard whether they were done. Will write to him P first Oppy & you shall soon be informd as to both.

The 4500 Dollars & yr Letter to Major Davenport are both in the hands of ye old Gentleman Coll Davenport.

As to the sugar one Mr Eliphaz Perkins of Windham produced your Order on me to deliver it to Doct Elderkin.

On the back of the Order was a Rec^{t} of 1387 Dollars in full for 571 lb Loaf Sugar so that there could be deducted but 280 lb according to your Order. The Rec^{t} was signed by one M^{r} Rodman in your behalf & directed to me. On the whole as the sugar I had on hand over the 280 lb was in Broken Loaves & hardly Merchantable, and as the Money was Rec^{d} in full for you, & not knowing your mind in the Matter I did not think best to detain the sugar in my hands. though I had made a Market for the most of it among my friends, who will be somewhat disapointed, though I trust they will excuse me when they consider the matter. Perkins is to order some teams to take the 108 lb in my hands & the Hhh^{d} at Hopkinss next week, unless you should see him & order otherwise. I have his Rec^{t} for 571 lb loaf Sugar. Can you spare 60 or 80 lb out of your 280, if so I will remit the money to you directly. M^{r} Mitchell relies much on a Loaf or two from what you said. & M^{r} Webb would be glad of 4 or 5 Loaves I would take two or three. I enclose M^{r} Perkinss Order

We have been strugling with the upper house to do something Clever for the Army. They will not comply with the disposition of our house to do them Justice nor grant a Lottery. so that after forming several bills & sending Committees of conference they have at last worried us into their measures & rather than do nothing we have complied with their last bill Granting £45,000 to be paid out of the Treasury by the 1st April next & 60,000 by the 1st Dec^{r} next & appointed a Committee to enquire what the soldiers have Rec^{d} & report to y^{e} Ass^{y} next may how the last sum shall be disposed of so as to do equal Justice to the individuals of the Army I wish you to make my Love to Bro^{r} Gen^{l} & his family & acquaint him with this matter, as Williams is waiting & I have not time to write him

Upper house have appointed Gen^{l} Spencer a member of Congress in y^{e} room of A[ ] Esq^{r} Resign^{d}, Lower house have nega[ ] the bill & appointed Jed: Strong Esq^{r}.

Assembly will rise this day or tomorrow most probably

With proper Regards to all frends I Remain your Affectionate friend & Bro[r]

JOHN CHESTER

Major[r] Joshua Huntington

[Superscribed] To Major Joshua Huntington Norwich ℔ M[r] Williams

[Indorsed] John Chester Feb[y] 4[th] 1779

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Reading 11 March 1779

Hon[d] Sir,

I wrote you last Week inclosed by Express to Governor Trumbull. I have not had the Pleasure of hearing from my Family & friends since I left Norwich. we have no News here but mere Reports concerning the good Intelligence which Congress has lately received. the Certainty of which I suppose you have had before this Time.

Our soldiers who were engaged for three Years are re-inlisting for the War. they have a Bounty of one hundred Dollars. By the N York Paper it appears that Tryon in his late Expedition carried in only 40 head Cattle

Love to Mama &C I am

Your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Honorable Jabez Huntington Esq:

[Indorsed] Brig[r] Gen[l] Huntington March 11[th] 1779

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Reading 15 march 1779

Hon[d] Sir

I forgot to inform you that a little before I left Home I found on my Files a stating of the Debts left by Capt Wattles in Jamaica. by which it appeared that Terrels Bond was for (I think) 36. 10 Jamaica Currency more than was due to us. that woud leave, after paying the Lothrops, 13. 10 for some Body else, probably it is due to M[r] Leffingwell.

though a General Exchange has not taken Place yet partial Exchanges have been frequently effected. Gen[l] Putnam has exchanged the Prisoners that were taken the other day by Gov: Tryon. they returned to Camp Yesterday. 17 of them in the whole.

a remarkable Degree of Health prevails in this Division. there has not one Man died in my Brigade since they have been on this Ground which is now almost four months.

Col Hazzen's Reg[t] marches in a day or two to the Northward as far as Springfield. the rest of the Brigade are to be in Readiness for a March. this is tryed to be kept as far as may be a secret.

Love to Mama &C conclude me

Your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Gen[l] HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Brig[r] Gen[l] Huntington March 15[th] 1779

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

READING 28 march 1779

Hon[d] Sir,

I inclose You a Memorial of Everit Eames a soldier of my Brigade respecting the allowance due to him from the Public. he is very sollicitous to have something done for him. he seems to be a sensible well behaved Man.

We have a Report that the Georgia Fleet are returned to N York but it is not well authenticated.

I promised Brother Andrew to make further Enquiry as to flour here agreeable to his Desire. but I cannot give him any Encouragement. I am apprehensive we shall be under the disagreeable Necessity of laying violent Hands on all the flour & Grain near Camp which we judge the Inhabitants can possibly spare, for the Use of the Army. one Regiment of North Carolina Troops & three of Gen[l] Poors Brigade are sent to reinforce Gen[l] McDougall at Peeks Kill. my Love to Mama &C &C. I remain Your

affectionate son

J HUNTINGTON

Your favor ꝑ Mr Ellis is to hand
Honble M G Huntington
[Indorsed] B Genl Huntington Letter 28th March 1779

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

High Lands 2d June 1779.

Yesterday the Little Fort at Kings Ferry surrendered to Genl Clinton & Sir George Collier. the Garrison consisted of about 50 Men. by Report of Prisoners who have fallen into the Hands of the Militia, the Enemy have from nine to 12 Thousand Men. their Object is the Fort at West Point. they have advanced as Yet no farther than a little below Peeks Kill, this Morning almost all their shiping disappeared.

4th Yesterday we expected a serious Meeting with the Enemy at 11 oClock about 4000 commanded by Sir Henry Clinton were in full March towards our Post wh we have taken here in Order to dispute their Passage to Fish Kill or to attack them in Case they should lodge themselves, as we supposed they intended, in the Vicinity of West Point. but after advancing to the Edge of the Continental Village, they tackd about and returned to Peeks Kill and Kings ferry.

We now hear they are fortifying at the latter Place. I can hardly think they have any thoughts of holding a Post there. their Movements have been inexplicable. had they in the first Instance pushed for the forts they might possibly have carried them. but now they have given us all the Time we wanted to make the necessary Preperations. the Militia of this state have done themselves great Honour on the Occasion we have now here a large Body of them subsisting themselves (they being desired to bring Six days Provision) they are very spirited and never turned out so generally before. I hope there will be no Occasion for the Connecticut Militia this Time. My Love to Mama, Polly &C

conclude me
Your affectionate son
J HUNTINGTON

Mr Ellis is come Home according to his Promise to his People. I am sorry they are not willing he should see the End of this Campaign as it may be the End of the War. & to let him reap the little fruits of his services which otherwise he will loose.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

July 26 Neilsons Point

Hond Sir,

Yesterday one of our Guard Boats in the River discovered two British Officers on the shore below, who immediately took to a Canoe, but were too late to escape, the Boat fired on them & drop'd them both in the River, it is probable they were Engineers reconnoitring the Ground.

The General had Advice of two Embarkations a few days since, one in the East River of abt 40 sail which steer'd Eastward without many Troops, the other in the North River its Destination uncertain. if the latter is for the southward it is not unlikely the other may be gone to bring some Troops from New Port to N York

27th We hear the last mention'd fleet is gone into the East End of Long Island.

General Lord Cornwallis is said to be arrived in New York, but we don't learn there are any Reinforcements come with him.

a ship in at Virginia from France brings an Account that she left 5 or 6 Capital french ships of War, several Frigates & about 70 armed Vessels from 10 Guns & upwards bound to Martinico, that the Men of War as soon as they had seen their Convoy safe into the West Indies were to come to this Coast. A Merchantman from Ireland has just arrived in Virginia with a Cargo.

In the new Choice of Delegates in Virginia the Lees are neglected. & 'tis said Congress have recalled the two Lees from their Embassy. there is a repeated Account of the french taking the Island of St Vincent's, but not much credited.

28th this day Mr Ellis arrived with your Letter of the 21st. I wrote You a few days since by Lieut Mills. by Accounts from Charlestown we hope General Lincoln has no great to fear from the Enemy unless they get reinforced. in that Case he might be obliged to fly & Charlestown fall, which would prove a dreadful Blow to our Cause.

The Enemies chief Dependence at present is on the Depreciation of our Money. to prevent our calling it in by Taxes they will do every thing they can to increase our Expences and impoverish the Country.

my Love to Mama, sisters &C &C

I am your affectionate son

JED HUNTINGTON

Honble Maj Genl Huntington

[Indorsed] B Genl Huntingtons Letter July 26th 1779

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Neilsons Point 11 Aug. 1779.

Hond Sir,

I wrote you last by Capt Shumway by whom I sent 1000 Dollars. since which I have not been pleasured with a Line from my Norwich friends

We have agreeable News from various Quarters, but not attended with Authenticity which we wish. a Maj. Stewart of the Army has a Letter from his Brother at the southward confirming the Account of Count dEstaigns success in the West Indies. the Intelligence from Pencobscot you have fresher & more correct perhaps than we, we are told that the Enemy on the Approach of our Fleet, burn't their Ships & surrendered themselves

It is rumoured that the Enemy have left Georgia & Carolina, but it is Rumor only. the main Body of Clintons Army or a considerable Part of ym are on Staten Island, this looks as if they feared something by Water.

It is expected there will be something important from Genl Sullivans Army in a few days.

14th I have sent Nancy a Fish Kill Paper which contains the sum of the News we have from the Southwards.

the Loss of Byron's Ships is not certain. Love to Mama &C &C conclude me. Your affectionate son

J HUNTINGTON

Honorable Maj. Gen[l] Huntington

[Indorsed] B Gen[l] Huntingtons Letter Aug 11[th] 1779

CHRISTOPHER LEFFINGWELL'S CERTIFICATE.

This May Certifie That by Order from the Hon[l] Brig[r] Gen[l] Tyler the Light Corps under my Command have Made use of the Whole of the House Belonging to M[r] Thomas Durfey on Millstone point for a Barrack for Twenty Eight Days Last past and That Cap[t] Jonathan Crocker who was in Possession of S[d] House Removed his Family & Furniture Out of S[d] House to Make Room for Said Company

New London Millstone point Aug[t] 17[th] 1779

CHRIST[R] LEFFINGWELL C. C. L. C.

To M[r] Green Plumb Barrack Master

[Indorsed] Copy Certificate Given Cap Crocker Aug[st] 17[th] 1779.

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Neilsons Point 20[th] Aug. 1779.

Hon[d] Sir,

I have your favour ℔ Lieut Mills, The stream of Intelligence from the West Indies is much on our side. Count d'Estaing's Loss of Men in his Engagement was indeed great, upwards of nine hundred killed and wounded, but it is to be considered the french Ships are very full of Men. Byron's Loss of Men is not known, it may be as great as the Count's. Eight of the ships of the English fleet were so disabled in the Action that they could not fetch S[t] Kitts and as they fell to Leward it is probable they will be obliged to go to Jamaica before they can make a Port, in that Case the Remainder will be an easy Prey to the Count or should they run away from him, their wind ward Islands will become exposed.

Clintons Army are fortifying on York Island and, 'tis said, as soon as their Works about Laurel Hill are compleated, those on this side are to be demolished.

We are exceeding anxious to hear the Fate of the Penobscot Expedition. the one under General sullivan does not look very encouraging. there are no late Accounts from South Carolina. Our army here are very healthy for the season. we have Work laid out here that will hold us a Month longer. the Posts at Kings Ferry are made as strong as possible and garrisond by about two thousand Men. they cover the greatest Part of the Counties of West Chester on the East side of the River and Bergen on the west side by which Means the Inhabitants have safe Ingress and Egress to & from the Market of the City which is an immense Advantage to the City and the Army, and at the same time we are put to the extraordinary Delay and Expence of transporting almost every thing from twenty to forty Miles further than if we had Command of Kings Ferry.

24. His Excellency had Letters from General Sullivan Yesterday. he has penetrated the Western Country Ninety Miles beyond Wyoming and burnt one of the principal Towns of the Seneca Tribe of Indians without any considerable Loss or Opposition.

A Packet bound to N York is taken & tis said her Despatches are in the Hands of Congress but I much doubt whether they be the genuine ones.

A Vessel in a short Passage from 'Statia says that War was declared between Spain & England at Porto Rico the 14th of last Month.

We don't learn that any Reinforcements are arrived at New York. the Penobscot Expedition give us great Anxiety.

I am told that Loan Office Certificates dated since March 1st 1778 are by Resolve of Congress to draw Interest more than Six per Cent in Proportion as the Quantity of circulating Money at the Time of the Payment of Interest is greater than it was at the Time the Certificate was given.

I have been thinking whether Brother Joshua if he has not put my Money due from him into the Loan Office can not obtain Certificates from the Navy Board dated back to the Time the Money was received of me or to some Time back, which may give me some Advantage should the Quantity in circulation increase which I hope however will not be the Case.

has any Attempts been made to get back the Post through Norwich. Mr Hazzard the Surveyor General of the Post Roads is now at the Eastward & the present may be a convenient Opportunity to make Application for his Opinion on the Matter & Interest in effecting the Alteration. I should think many Gentlemen of Note in Boston & Providence would certify as to the Advantage which the Public and Individuals would derive therefrom. if Genl Gates was touch'd upon the Subject by a proper Person he might be a powerful Advocate at Congress. the military & mercantile Concerns & Intercouse will in the View of every One be more benefited and expedited by the Posts riding through Norwich than by the old way.

26. Nothing to add I remain your

affectionate son

J HUNTINGTON

Honorable Maj. Genl Huntington

[Superscribed] Honorable Major General Huntington

Norwich ℔ Sergeant Palmer

[Indorsed] B Genl Huntingtons Letter August 29th 1779

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Neilsons Point 22d Octo 1779.

Hond Sir,

I was in Hopes before this to give you authentic Accounts of our successes at the southward. they come with every Circumstance of Probability except that there is wanting an official sanction, for which there has been sufficient Time.

Yesterday the Enemy left Verplanks and Stony Points, in Consequence of which we shall probably take a new Position. all Accounts agree in a very great Degree of sickness and Mortality in the Enemys Army. ours through the divine Mercy is in remarkable Health and fine spirits.

My best Respects to the Governor and Love to Col Chester, conclude me your affectionate son

J HUNTINGTON

Hon^ble^ Jab. Huntington Esq.

[Indorsed] B Gen^l^ Huntingtons Letter Octo^ber^ 22^d^ 1779

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill 7 Nov. 1779

Dear Sir,

I mentioned to you some time ago that I intended to renew my five Tickets I wish You to keep ten for me.

If I should bring my Waggon Horses to Norwich could you get them kept well. last Winter they fared but poorly. they are now in fine Order & I should like to keep them so.

'Tis reported, but not reduced to a Certainty, that the Troops from Newport are gone from N. York and some others with them. a Paquet has lately arrived there from England, but Nothing transpires from it.

The Season is so far advanced there is but little Reason to expect the french fleet here, to operate against New York. it is to be supposed that General Prevost has found Means to lengthen out the seige of Savannah beyond the Counts Expectations. if the allied Army succeeds there, it will be doing pretty well for one Campaign. and next spring may bring on a like Fate to N York unless the british Gentry there think proper to withdraw themselves. that Nation must regain their superiority by Sea or they are inevitably undone. or will be obliged to make Peace.

I am with Love to Sister

Your affectionate Brother

J HUNTINGTON

M^r^ Andrew Huntington

[Indorsed] Gen^l^ Huntington Letter Nov. 7 1779

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill 10. Nov. 1779.

Hond Sir,

I wrote to my Friends to know if Loan Office Bills were to be had for Interest of Certificates. but have received no Answer. I should be glad to know by first Opportunity.

a flying Report says the seige of Savannah had continued to the 17th of October. it was then supposed the Enemy could not hold out much longer. that the Count had possessed himself of all the Enemys Shipping.

Many Reports inform us the Enemy at N York are preparing for a partial, if not a general Embarkation. however, the Reports are not more creditable than they were this Time twelve Month. except it be that the Enemies situation is much more critical than it was then.

My Love to Mama &C &C. I remain your affectionate son

J HUNTINGTON

Honble Maj G Huntington

[Superscribed] Honorable Jabez Huntington Esq. Norwich ℔ favour Revd Mr Ellis

[Indorsed] B Genl Huntingtons Letter Novr 10th 1779

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill Nov 17. 1779.

dear Sir,

Your favour of the 10th of the Month I received this Evening. I wish I had good News to tell you from the Southward or any other quarter. the Army are about making their Arrangments for Winter. You ask how they are cloathed. very indifferently I assure you; the immense Quantities of Timber which they have carried on their Backs & in their Arms to build their Huts last season & the many Forts which have been made since together with other constant Fatigue has worn out all their Cloaths,

I hope to be at Home in two or three Weeks when I will talk with you about the Colt. I would give you the News from Georgia if I could get the Particulars correctly but as I cannot at present, must defer it to another Opportunity. my sincere Love to Sister &C &C

from your very affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Maj J. HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Gen^{l} Jed Huntington Nov^{r} 17th 1779

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

PEEKS KILL 17 NOV 1779.

Honored Sir

The Prospect of co-operating with our Allies in this Quarter is at an End for this season. the Count has, we suppose, returned to the West Indies. tis unhappy he could not have stay'd long enough to have accomplished our Wishes at Georgia. perhaps it is for the best, although we are much disappointed. wherever he is gone he will draw the Attention of the British and we hope they will be obliged to detach largely from N York in Order to reinforce the West Indies.

There is a Report in Rivington's New York Gazzette of an Action in the West Indies between two fleets not far from Barbadoes the 22^{d} of September. but it wants Credit. the Writer supposes it to be between the English fleet and a Reinforcement coming to Count d'Estaign. Love to Mama &C conclude me your affectionate son

J HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] B Gen^{l} Huntingtons Letter Nov^{r} 17th 1779

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

In Camp near MORRIS TOWN 8th Jan^{y} 1780

Dear Brother

Since writing you a few days since I have not had the Pleasure of a line from you. I beg your Pardon, it was

Brother Jed[h] I wrote to last. You will see by the date that my Quarters are still in my Marque when, had I horses & Sleigh I might indulge in all the Pleasures, that good riding could afford. the Snow is very deep & the Coldest weather I ever experienced for three Weeks together. Men almost naked & what is still worse almost Starved. for Eight days Past the Army have not received as much as three days full Allowance. and in a part of the World Called a Land of Plenty. Money is good for nothing. Corn is 45 dollars p Bushel. Oats 30, Hay 300 Dollars P Ton, & every thing else as high, & higher. I could never have believ[d] that the Money would have been so low & passed as a Currency. only my Washing Bill is beyond the Limits of my Wages. I am now Endeavouring to hire some Woman to live in Camp, to do the Washing for myself & some of the Officers th'o I am aware that many Persons will tell the Story to my disadvantage but be that as it may, I am determin[d] on it, if I can hire one on better terms than hiring my Washing. If the depreciation was Caused by the Rascallity of an Individual instead of many Rascalls, I should think any thing short of Eternal Damnation would be a light Punishment for the Crime. Did the Present Situation of Affairs Admit of my Resigning, I would do it, nor a Moment longer wear a Constitution, already too much worn for an Ungrateful Country, who by their Conduct deserve to be Slaves to British Masters. Hardships, every one on Entering the Army, expects to Endure, but to Sacrafice the Army to Aggrandize a few D——d dirty Rascals, is below the Character of those who Pretend that they hath the Blood of a Freeman flowing in their Veins. Let that Virtue, that Love for the Country which fill[d] the breast of us all in 75 be roused, if a Spark still remains & push you on to Crush your *Common foe the Speculators* It is their Success in their Masters Name (the Devils) upon which the Enemy build their hopes, & well they may from the too fatal Success, they have have already had, a more Infernal Set of Villains never infested a Country. If the Laws of the Country will not admit of their distruction,

point them out the Originals, & I will Imbrue my hands in their blood.

I beg your Pardon for the Spirit & the Length of this Letter. I cant help it. Empty belly's will push a Man to What, at other times he would avoid. We have nothing new from N York. My Respects & Love to the good People & believe me as I am

Your truly Affectionate Brother

EBEN^{R} HUNTINGTON

Single letters to Officers, come post free. and *all* Letters to General Offiecers.

M^{r} ANDREW HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] M^{r} ANDREW HUNTINGTON Norwich

[Indorsed] Colo Eben^{r} Huntington Letter Jan^{y} 8 1780

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON. (?)

SPRINGFIELD April 19 1780

Dear Sir,

I was in hopes before this Time to have had some good News to tell you. by the N York Accounts our friends the Spaniards have met with two severe blows in the Loss of a valuable fleet of Merchantmen off Cape Finisterre and the Defeat of their fleet of Men of war near Cadiz. with the Loss of several Capital ships. however, when we are favoured with their Story, perhaps we shall find the Matter more favorable.

The Enemy have detached about 2000 from N Y to reinforce Gen^{l} Clinton. he carried with him 6000 and there were about 2000 at Georgia before. makes in all 10,000. there remains at N York 8, or 9000

The Maryland Line are gone to the southward. this Army will probably take Post at the North River as soon as the season will admit of our going into Tents.

We are told the fleet arrived at Martinico are chiefly 64's, which are suitable for our Coast. whether they have thoughts of coming this way, I cannot say. they will be very welcome and necessary.

20th The N York Papers are very whist on Irish Affairs upon which I conclude the Publishers don't like the Situation of things in Ireland. it seems by the English Debates that Parliament adjourned the 23d of December to the 24 January without doing any Business. I am in Hopes the Irish Demands will yet embarrass Ministry. & operate in our Favor.

By a Letter from Bilboa of the 1st of Febry the Spanish Loss in the Action of the 10th of Jany between Don Langasa & Admiral Rodney was only one ship blown up & three missing. not a Word of the fleet of Merchantmen taken off Cape Finisterre.

22d By our last Accounts from the West Indies the Matter stood 25 English ships of the Line & 27 french and 5 or 6 Spanish. if the latter woud join the french they would make a considerable superiority.

the latest Advices from South Carolina are the 14 March, then our Frigates had thought it best to relinquish the Defence of the Passage at the Bar and form a Line more within. whether for the best, I am not satisfied. Time may discover My Love to sister &C conclude me, your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Genl Huntingtons Letter Apl 19th & 22nd

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON. (?)

Springfield 16 May 1780

Dear Sir,

I am relieved from the Command on the Lines and are now in daily Expectations of receiving Orders when & where to march the Division.

Nothing new has turned up for several Days. the last Advices from Charlestown were of the 17 ult no material Alterations.

In New York they are in much Perturbation from an Expectation of a french fleet.

my Love to Sister &C conclude me dear Sir Your affect Brother

J HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington May 17th 1780

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

SPRINGFIELD 19 May 1780

Dear Sir

Your favour by Doct: Turner reached me Yesterday.

The Town of Charlestown was in our Hands the 1st of May. it is expected that if Clinton does not carry the Place by the Middle of this Month he will raise the seige. from the Prospect of a french fleet on the Coast.

If they fail of geting Charlestown I think the Ministry will contend no longer with us, provided they do not gain some great Advantages of France & Spain.

I have not yet determined whether to send or sell any more of my Bills.

By what Information I am able to get your Grey Horse, if in the best Order, would bring from 5 to 6,000 Dollars.

To Morrow I expect to march to Morristown.

M. Town 24th Various Reports of fleets on the Coast & of an Action between the french & English in the West Indies, but Nothing comes with Authenticity & hardly with an Air of Probability.

my Love to sister and the little ones conclude me your

affectionate Brother

J HUNTINGTON

Mr ANDREW HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Mr ANDREW HUNTINGTON ℔ Capt. Hinkley Via Hartford

[Indorsed] Genl Huntington Letter May 19 1780

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

MORRISTOWN 26 May 1780

Dear Sir,

I wrote you a few days ago since whh nothing material has occur'd we are in hourly Expectation of the Pleasure of hearing of & seeing some of our good Allies. but least said about the Matter is best at present. Give my Love to sister & all as due and believe Me Your affectionate Brother

J HUNTINGTON

I should have wrote Father but hope he is on a Journey
[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant
Norwich ℔ Augustus Clark
[Indorsed] Genl Huntington Letter May 26 1780

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Neilsons Point 17 July 1780

Dear Sir,

Your Favor by Lieut Goodell did not reach me till two or three days ago. I am very unhappy that our Measures are not in greater Forwardness. where the Blame lies I don't pretend to say. but the Country are triffling with their Army or Rather with their own salvation. Six Months ago our assembly resolved to add 1500 Men to their Army & yet to this day we have received only 500, many of them striplings, most of them raw & undisciplined. by coming into Camp at this season a great Proportion will be sickly those who escape Sickness will hardly have time to learn any Soldiership before their terms of service will expire. that our Cause is righteous & that we shall finally succeed I have not a Doubt. but I fear the Period of our Deliverance is at a great Distance. whilst we neglect the proper Means we have no Right to expect the Favor of Heaven. the Country, I dare say, think that we can with a few thousand raw Troops in Addition to a very few old Ones make ourselves Masters of New York with Ease. the City is a strong Garrison well supplied with veteran Troops & every necessary to hold out a long Siege. however, I hope for the best. every Effort, that can rationally be expected from the Army, I believe, will be performed by it.

20th We have Reports of another Action between the fleets in the West Indies. and we have also an Account of Graves Arrival at the Hook with Six ships of the Line. we have not yet received Six hundred Recruits.

My Love to sister & Children and
am your affectionate Brother
J HUNTINGTON

I have some Loan Office Certificates on which the Interest is due. I suppose the Money cannot be had very soon. I would take Certificates for it rather than have it lye. will you take Care of them for me.

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Indorsed] Genl Huntington Letter July 17. 1780

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill 31 July 1780

Dear Sir,

I sometime ago desired Mr P. Morgan to give me the Refusal of his Farm when ever he sold. he now calls on me through his son Zed. to let him know whether I intend to have it. I have wrote for Answer that I wish to buy it if the Price suits & I can make the Pay agreeable & that I would desire You to act for me. which I wish you to do & find the best Bargain You can make. a Part or all of the Farm will be very convenient for our Family, & if we dont want to keep all, Part can be sold. No News I am yr affectionate

J HUNTINGTON

I have yours by Mills

[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington July 31. 1780

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Orangetown 10 Aug 1780

Dear Sir,

I trouble You with the inclosed. I have no News to tell you. it gains Belief with Us that the combined fleets in the W Indies are gone to Jamaica.

We impatiently wait to see our Allies Masters of these seas. in that Case I flatter myself our Little Army would not be wanting on their Part.

This Place is about ten Miles above Kings Bridge, on the West side of the River.

My Love to sister & all as due conclude me your affect Bro[r]

J HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] To M[r] ANDREW HUNTINGTON Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Gen[l] Huntington Letter Aug[t] 10. 1780

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

ENGLISH NEIGHBOURHOOD 28 Aug. 1780

Dear Sir,

Our Army are here making a great Forrage from the Country that commonly supplies the Enemy with what they raise. we were not without some Expectation that Gen[l] Clinton would have fought us.

You have heard of the Appointment of a new Quarter Master General (Col Pickering) I expect it will derange our Affairs. Congress appeared to be very Angry at Gen[l] Greens Resignation

The principal Part of the Enemy we hear are on Long Island what their Views are is uncertain. it is reported there is a Misunderstanding between the General & Admiral.

We have great Hopes of the Expedition against Jamaica. & yet we ought to remember that Disappointment often attends the fairest Prospects. the York paper says that Adm: Rodney was in the Porto Rico passage with 27 Ships of the Line. the combined fleets after leaving S[t] Jago will be 40 or upwards of the Line.

If my own Hay should not fill my Barn I wish you would buy sufficient to do it

29. there are some favourable Accounts from the Southward that say the Enemy are drawing in their Out posts & that they are very sickly

my Love to sister &C conclude me

Your affectionate Brother

J HUNTINGTON

Eb was well Yesterday

M[r] ANDREW HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] M[r] ANDREW HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Gen[l] Huntington Aug[t] 28 1780

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON

Camp between Paramus & Hackinsack
8 September 1780

Dear Sir,

We have some Intelligence from Gen[l] Gates not so agreeable, to be sure, as could be wished. the Particulars are not to Hand.

Our Army is in fine Health & spirits wishing for an Opportunity to strike some Blow but the Want of the Command of the Sea puts it out of our Power.

If the Campaign should close without doing any thing capital I hope early Measures & effectual Ones will be taken to make the Army more respectable in Numbers & to place it on the best Basis. I fear the Enemy will not give over their Pursuit till they see our Army on a permanent Footing. unless they should lose the Command of the Sea. or meet with some capital Loss abroad.

My Love to sister & all the friends conclude
Me Your affect Bro[r]
J HUNTINGTON

M[r] ANDREW HUNTINGTON
[Indorsed] Gen[l] Huntington Sep[t] 8 1780

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp 11 Sep[t] 1780

Dear Sir,

I have your Favour by Dier Manning. I dont think Morgans Price is greatly out of the Way considering that every Article is double at least the old prices in hard Money. I find my Expences in the Army so considerable that I do not feel able to purchase the farm. but I wish you & Joshua could do it. there will be no Difficulty in geting hard Money if your W India Goods or N E Rum will raise Continental it may be exchanged at about 70 for one at Philadelphia. I dont think any Advantage can be had of paying in those goods as the old Man or his son will not be willing to give more than what they will fetch in hard

Money. I am at such a Distance from Zed that I can not correspond with him.

the 2d Division of the french Armament has been blocked up at Brest by the English grand fleet & were like to continue so till the Beginning of August when it was expected the Cadiz fleet would set them at Liberty. they may yet be looked for by the 1st of October, on some Part of the Continent, perhaps by the Way of the W Indies my Love to Sister

I remain Your affectionate Brother

J HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Letter Sept 11. 1780

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp near Paramus 11 Sept 1780

Dear Sir,

It is some time since I wrote you, I have not had so much Time to spare & therefore could not write all my Friends so often as I could have wished. the great Number of Recruits added to the usual Business of the Camp has made full Employment for me & all the Officers especially for me, as General Parsons has been absent the whole of the Campaign.

The Army has changed its Ground very often for the Convenience of forraging. for several days we lay within a few Hours March of New York, but the Enemy did not think worth while to come out to us.

General Gates & Lord Cornwallis have had a very severe Recontre near Cambden in South Carolina they met each other entirely unexpectedly. the former was on the Move to take a stronger piece of Ground for an Encampment the Other was marching with an Intention of surprising him at his old Encampment. the Conflict was very obstinate & bloody. our Militia from Virginia gave Way & fled at the first fire. a Body of Militia from North Carolina & a small

Body of regular Troops from Virginia stood by the Maryland Line received the Enemys Horse at the Point of the Bayonet & the whole made good their Retreat. the Loss is great on both sides but the Particulars are not ascertained. Lord Cornwallis retreated back to Cambden from whence he began his March. immediately on this Action A large Body of North Carolina Militia assembled voluntarily & repaired to Gates Army & several Parties of regular Troops raised in Virginia for two Years have also marched to the southward. two thousand Men recruiting (& mostly raised I believe) in Maryland are all ordered the same way. so that our southern Army will soon again become formidable. the Enemy have no great Reason to rejoice at the Conflict with our Troops. their Loss by best Accounts (which come from the Governor of Virginia) is five hundred killed, their Horse being allmost intirely cut off. Baron de Kalb a continental M General & Gen^{l} Rutherford of the Militia are made Prisoners. the former is said to be badly wounded

I sincerely condole with you & Mama on the Loss of your beloved Brother Williams. pray it may be sanctified to You for the best of Purposes, that of bringing Your Hearts one Step nearer to the allwise Sovereign who has seen fit to afflict you both & especially my tender hearted Mama. the Author of this heavy Stroke is as gracious as he is powerful, & I most devoutly pray he may appear so to you in the happyfying Fruits which you shall reap from this Season of Sorrow.

Please to remember me most affectionately to Mama, Sisters & Brothers and believe with every Sentiment of Duty & Tenderness

your Son

J HUNTINGTON

I have the pleasure to hear by Nancys Letter that you are no worse & that she is very hopeful of your Recovery

Hon^{ble} JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq

[Superscribed] The Honorable JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq. Norwich To the Care of Col. Wadsworth

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

September 19

Dear Sir,

Since I wrote you we have had better & better News from the Southward & upon the whole I think the Action of Gates Army is rather in our Favour, considering the Enemys Loss & the Effect it has had on the Country there. Admiral Rodney has arrived with ten ships at N York. something unexpected to us. what his Views were I do not know I believe he intended to take in some Troops at N Y and make an Attempt on our Friends at N port. an Embarkation of about ten Regiments had been prepared at N York for some Object or other. I conclude by this Time Count de Guichen must be arrived at N port. I am sorry the Jamaica Expedition is given over. but perhaps all for the best. remember me to all as due.

Your affectionate Brother

J HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich

To the Care of Col. Wadsworth

[Indorsed] Genl Huntington Sepr 19 1780

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JABEZ HUNTINGTON.

Camp near Dobbs Ferry Aug. 4. 1781

Hond Sir,

I cannot let pass so good a Conveyance as this by Capt Durkee without writing you a few lines, there has been Opportunities as good but I had not Time to write. my life this Campaign has been more busy than common. without the Event is more pleasing than present Appearances promise I might as well have devoted more Time to a Correspondance with my Friends.

The Exertions of many Parts of the State are slugish. some Men who were hired last Winter are just arrived in Camp. and now we have to dril them before they can be of any Service. Numbers are still wanting and I fear will

be. but after all I will hope for the best & that this Campaign may be the last. great Sociability and Harmony prevail between the French Troops and ours. & I think it is likely to continue.

The Crops of Wheat this way and at the Southward have been remarkably fine. Flour at Philadelphia was a few days since at 2 dollars ℔ hund^{d}. I shall be glad to have a Line from you to inform me that your Health is in a better State than when I left you. it affords me great Comfort to think it is no worse. please to give Love & Duty to Mama & all the Circle and accept the affectionate Regards of your

dutiful Son

J HUNTINGTON

JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esq

[Superscribed] Honorable JABEZ HUNTINGTON Esquire Norwich ℔ Capt Durkee

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp near DOBBS FERRY 4 Aug. 1781

Dear Sir,

I hope you won't make my writing a Measure for yours for I fancy you have the most Leisure. I have but very little Respite from Business from five o'Clock in the Morning to nine at Night. in Business I include an Attention to our Allies here which is indispensably necessary proper & pleasing. they seem to be very happy in receiving and returning every Civility.

The Enemy at N York have received a Part of the Garrison of Pensacola and are in daily Expectation of the Arrival of part of the Army of Lord Cornwallis so that I am afraid they will keep Pace with us in Reinforcements at this Quarter. however they must nearly or quite relinquish Virginia. & then the Marquis will be able to send some Troops to General Greene & perhaps enable him to return to the Seige of Ninety Six which is now the only interior Post the Enemy hold in the Carolinas or Georgia. Should Nothing more be effected this Year, the Campaign

has been a loosing One to the Enemy they had in England great Dependance on the Conquest of the southern States.

Our Army is in good Health. enjoy's the Luxury of Beef & Bread. the Part of the Country we are in, has for several years, been so much over run & pillaged by both Sides that it affords us but few Vegetables or Refreshments, except for our Cattle.

remember me affectionately to sister &C
from your affectionate Brother
J HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington
[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Augt 4 1781

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill Sepr 2d 1781.

Dear Sir,

I had your favour by Capt Durkee in due time. Admiral Hood with 14 ships of the Line & four frigates has arrived at N York from the W Indies with 3 British Regiments.

G Washington is at Trenton. what is to take Place next I cant guess. no certain News of the Arrival of Count de Grass, 'though it is said he is in the Chesopeake. Admiral Rodney is gone to England. no fresh News from the Marquis fayette nor from G Greene. Remember me to all Friends. Sister & Children in particular & believe me

Your affectionate Brother
J HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington
[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich To the Care of R Pomroy Esq D Q M Hartford
[Indorsed] Genl Huntington Letter Sepr 2 1781

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON.

Peeks Kill Sepr 9. 1781.

My dear Sir,

I am surprised & very sorry to hear by your Letter of the 4th inst. that you had not recd your Money. Mr Mix

took that for your Regiment and went from this with it before you left the Jerseys. since which Mr Pierce has taken the Remainder for the other Regiments and been gone a week ago. I think you must have received it before this time.

Yesterday Gen Heath recd a Scrap of Paper, something like a Letter, dated at N Haven Govr Griswould publishing to all People that the Enemy had landed at N London & burnt the Place. I wont believe it true without further Evidence. though it is certain that a fleet of 26 Sail passed the Sound towards N London last Wednesday.

I had a Letter from Nancy last Post she desires to be remembered to you. Sally Chester is at Norwich. Friends in Statu quo. our old Neighbour Griste is dead. so is Daniel Douglass. 'twas said Yesterday that the fleet of 19 Sail which left the Hook a few days since had returned. Money is received from the State to complete the Months Pay and *they say* we shall certainly have another Month's Pay very soon.

Write me often, give me all the News. my Compliments to the Gentn with you. to Count de Noailles if you see him. when he has taken Lord Cornwallis he will have Leisure to read a Letter which I owe, & intend to send, him.

I am your very affect Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Lt Col. HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Sept 9th 81

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

PEEKS KILL Sepr 17. 1781.

Dear Sir,

We are impatiently wating to hear from the Southward. G Washington embarqued about 2000 of his Troops at the Head of Elk the 8th of the Month. the Rest were to March further for want of Water Craft. he himself was going on with all possible Dispatch to Virginia. I trust by this Time his Operations there are become very serious. we have

every Reason to expect a happy Issue of them. the Superiority of the French fleet & of our combined forces is as great as could be wished.

We have not here any Account of the Junction of Admiral Barras's fleet with that of Comte de Grasse. the Want of it creates some Anxiety as the English fleet is at Sea & has been lately spoke near the Capes of Virginia. there is a Report that Barras has taken two 74^{s} coming from England with Lord Dunmore on Board. but it does not gain Credit.

I wish you to give me as particular Account as you can of the Loss sustained at N London of Men, Houses, Vessels, Property &C. I have heard Something of the Barbarity of the Enemy and of the good Conduct of the Garrison & of the Militia. I long to know every Circumstance. I hope it will be in the Power & Will of the Country to make the Enemy feel the Force of a just Indignation.

21. I have your favour ℔ Post. no Instance of Conduct in the Enemy since the War has raised so general a Resentment as that at N London. it is said that the Behaviour of Arnold is reprobrated in N York.

There is Mention of an Action near Chesopeake between the fleets of de Grasse & Graves. but the Accounts are imperfect. we conclude Nothing has happened in favour of the british or Rivington would have given the Particulars. he says that Barras had joined de Grasse which is an Event that we longed much to hear. what is the Price of good Hay. is it plenty. so that I could easily get two or three Tons. I have thoughts of bringing Home only two or Three Horses and keeping them myself. I cant find Money enough to pay Tracy for keeping my Horses last Winter. do you think he or any body else would keep my Waggon Horses next Winter & take good Notes for Payment. I have B. Lord's Note in my Mind. If I could dispose of his Note in that Way I should like to bring Home all my Horses. as they will be kept better there than here. If you should see Tracy or any body else you think likely to do it, I wish you would mention the Thing, & inform me.

22d A N York Paper of the 15th makes Mention of an Action at Sea between the Fleets of De Grasse & Greaves near Chesopeak and by Rivingtons Manner of telling the Story there is Reason to believe it did not turn out very favourable to Greaves

25. Every fresh Account makes the above mentioned Action more and more favorable. it wants Nothing but Authority to enable us to read the Fate of N York & indeed of the War

Remember me to All as due

& believe me your aff Bror

J HUNTINGTON

Mr And Huntington

[Indorsed] Genl Huntingtons Letter Sept 25. 1781.

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Dear Sir

By this unexpected Conveyance I shall acknowledge the Rect of your letter by Capt Durkee, forwarded to me by Genl Huntington which was recd at Anapolis in Maryland, fifteen days since; Instead of dating this I shall describe the place in which I am, which is at James Town on James River 5 Miles from Williamsburgh the Capital of Virginia, 15 Miles from the Army of his Lordship who at present are at York town on York River. We arrived at this place two days since, in good Health, the troops are nearly all debarked, the operation against the Army of Lord Cornwallis will soon begin, the Success of which we have not the least reason to doubt.

Lt Colonel Connolly of the British, was taken this Morning & brought to Camp. The Army of Majr Genl Green are on the Heights of Santee 60 Miles from Charlestown, they are in great Health & Spirits.

Lord Rawdon was taken on his Passage home & brought here by the French fleet, who have also taken several Prizes, among which is the Iris.

Yours Affectionately

September 24th 81

a letter from J° H was rec^{d} at the same time with yours. My best wishes attend you.

M^{r} A HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] ANDREW HUNTINGTON Esq^{r} at Norwich in Connecticut New England

[Indorsed] Colo^{l} Eben^{r} Huntington Letter Sep^{t} 24th 1781

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

PEEKS KILL Octo 16. 1781.

Dear Sir,

An Express arrived last Evening from Virginia which brings Intelligence as late as the 1st of the Month. General Washington had been delayed in opening his Batteries upon the Enemy for the Want of Cattle to draw his Cannon. they were just arriving. when G Washington moved to invest the Enemy closely, a Shew of Opposition was made about two Miles from the Town principally by their Cavalry. upon the Exchange of a few Shot the Enemy retired. & on the Morning of the 30th all their exterior Works were evacuated. our General is very near them on Ground which commands all their interior Works. they have been so sparing of their Fire 'tis hoped his Lordship has not a great Stock of Ammunition. some Accounts out of N York say he is destitute of Bread & that he has not Meat enough to serve him longer than this Month out. a Whaleboat has arrived from thence at N York which left Virginia the 8th of the Month. Reports from it say that at that Time an incessant Fire was kept up by G Washington on Lord Cornwallis Day & Night.

We hear from N York that two Ships of the Line, have arrived at that Place from Jamaica which makes their fleet 25 Ships in all good & bad. among which are the Prudente & Robuste which were condemned the other Day as unfit for Service. 'tis said too that 35 Victualers are arrived from Cork. what Sir Harry proposes to do on the present Occasion is Matter of Conjecture. by the last Information from the City the fleet had fell down to the Hook and were taking Troops on board.

The Enemy have been making Demonstrations at the Northward. General Heath has sent such a force from this as will, in Conjunction with the Troops at Albany and such Militia as may be handily collected, be able to repel whatever Number the Enemy can bring.

give my Love to Sister &C from your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Indorsed] Genl Huntington Letter Octor 16 1781

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp High Lands 31 July 1782.

Dear Sir,

I am disappointed of Part of the Financiers Notes which I expected to receive on my Arrival here. I shall send you one for Six pounds by first safe Conveyance and I hope one for the same Sum to Brother Joshua. I have but little Prospect of receiving more Subsistance Money until the States are more vigorous in the Collection of their Taxes. Mr Morris can but just keep the Army in Bread & Meat. it is not in his Power to make any Payment to the Soldiers, who are, for Want of it, daily deserting. Money is the Sinews of War. it is impossible to do without it. and if some is not soon had for the Soldiery I fear the old ones will all leave us. these are disagreeable Truths but I think they ought not to be concealed from the People. if Our Army ceases to be formidable to the Enemy, we must make a dishonorable Peace. give my Love to Sister &C

I am, your affecte Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

4th August. this comes by Sergeant Ellis by whom I have been waiting to send the two Notes. one for you & One for Bror Joshua. one is No. 7, the other No. 40.

We believe a French Fleet has arrived in the Chesopeak & that Rodney has gone Home with about twenty Ships. the June Packet is arrived at N York & Genl Carleton says he has further Offers to make us. they will trifle yet.

We are told Lippencut is set at Liberty in Consequence of the Court Martial. we presume he plead the Orders of the Board of Directors. Gov: Franklin, the Head of that Board, is, it is said, gone to England

I am &C

has McCurdy accepted Morris Note for what I owe him. do ask Bror Joshua.

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Indorsed] Genl Huntington Letter July 31 & Augt 4 1782

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

Camp Highlands 7 August 1782.

Dear Sir,

I was going to send the inclosed to the Post Office when I heard of this private Conveyance. We have pretty good Information that Savannah is evacuated. Nothing new from any other Quarter more than what I presume you will see in the Papers

I sent by Sergeant Ellis, who lives at Paquatanack, a Morris's Note for Six pounds for you enclosed to Brother A H. which I hope will come safe to Hand. I wish you would find Means to satisfy Mr M'Curdy provided the Note I left don't answer him for what I owe him. I was to see him paid in Six Weeks. Love to Sister &C.

from Your affectionate Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Col. Huntington

[Superscribed] Col. Huntington Norwich To the Care of Doct: Smith Hartford Favd by Mr Hubbel

[Indorsed] Genl Jed: Huntingtons Letter Aug. 7th 1782

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

High Lands 28 Aug 1782.

Dear Sir,

I have yours by Mr Fanning. The Interest Certificate give, if you please, to Hough, taking his Rect. there is to

be Disct with the Traceys & with Mr Miner but they may lye 'till I come Home.

There is Nothing new. the English Fleet of about 20 sail is expected at N York from Jamaica every day. some say it is arrived.

The Account, brought by the last Cartel into Boston, of the Junction of the combin'd fleet in the English Channel, is very important. I wish it may be true.

I am in haste
your affect Bror
J HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Letter Augt 28 1782

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Camp West Point 2d Nov 1782.

Dear Sir,

If you can get Capt Hutchins, or any Body who owes me who wou'd do me Justice, to keep my Colt which is now among the Traceys, I should be glad rather than to have them to pay.

The September Mail is arrived in N York. the Royal George, a first rate ship, as she was careening at Spithead, accidently by a Gust of Wind, went to the Bottom with the Admiral (Kenpenfelt) on Board & about 800 souls, among which were 200 Women.

As my Pastures are pretty good and Hay like to be scarce I wish you to prevent Bristol from bringing my Cows to Hay sooner than is absolutely necessary.

Give my Love to Sister & all as due
from your affect Bror
J HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich To the Care of Col Chester

[Indorsed] Genl Huntingtons Letter Novr 2nd 1782

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

West Point 4 Novr 1782.

Dear Sir,

I trouble you with a Letter for your Sister. I have serious thoughts of bringing her to Camp, should I send a team or two for Baggage. I could I suppose fill them with flour provided it would bring the Money & help bear the Expences of the Waggon. what would a Ton or two of Flour fetch in Cash.

give my Love to sister &C

JED HUNTINGTON

Col Huntington

[Superscribed] Colonel Huntington Norwich ℔ Sergt Ellis

[Indorsed] Jedediah Hunting Letter Novr 4 1782

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

West Point Febv 14 1783

Dear Sir,

Your agreable Letter of the 29th of January reached me last Evening. I am happy to hear from our Norwich friends. it is the first time since our Arrival at Camp.

I have seen a Man who has seen a man who has seen the King of Englands Speech. he tells his Parliament that he has endeavoured all in his Power to reclaim his revolted Colonies. but has found himself necessitated to declare ym independent. that the Prelimanaries of a Peace were nearly settled. that the loyalists would not be considered in it & therefore he requests Parliament to make some Provision for them.

give my Love to sister & all as due

from your affectionate Brother

J HUNTINGTON

Col Huntington

[Superscribed] Lt Col. J. Huntington Norwich favored by Mr Loomis

[Indorsed] Genl Jed. Huntington Letter Febry 14 1783

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

West Point Feby 14th 1783

Dear Sir,

After almost five Weeks absence I was very glad to hear from Home, your Letter 'though dated a fortnight ago did not arrive here until this day. We are told the Kings Speech to his Parliament is come out of N York. that it is very explicit as to our Independence & a Peace. mentions that the Court of Versailles has acceeded to all the Articles except one & it was believed that would be got over. 'tis said he recommends a Retrenchment in the civil List, and an Attention to their Timber as they had not America to go to for that Article. I am with Love to sister &C

your affectionate Bror

J HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich favd by Mr Loomis

[Indorsed] Genl Huntington Letter Mch 14. 1783

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

West Point 25 Feby 1783.

Dear Sir,

Your Favor of the 16th came to Hand this Morning, inclosing a Letter from Sister. before this I presume you have received one from me although I am not able to recollect the Time when or the Person by whom it went. I suppose you have seen the Kings Speech we are impatiently waiting to hear more of a Pacification. the Prospect of it has materially affected the Price of Goods in Philadelphia. Superfine Broad Cloths have fell five & Six Dollars ℔ yard.

The Peace will undoubtedly bring about a great Revolution in Commerce; it will be difficult to know where & how to take Advantage of it. I wish it might be the good Fortune of our Family to come in for a Share in Proportion

to the Losses we have sustained by the Suspension of Business. Remember me to Sister & all as due.

from your affectionate Brother

J HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich Favd by Mr Goodell

[Indorsed] Genl Huntington Letter Feby 25 1783

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

Dear Sir,

I have your Favor of the 2d March am glad to hear of the Arrival of the long expected Goods from Holland. I find by Brother Ebens Letter that you have taken some Quills & Corks & I wish you also to take half doz of the sacks & sell the whole to best Advantage If I had known that the Package was in bad Order I should have directed some other Articles to be left at Norwich. I have sent a Waggon to receive the goods at Hartford I am afraid that Brother will have left Wethersfield for Camp before it arrives.

We are yet in Suspence respecting Peace. the prevailing Opinion of the best informed is that it will take Place before the Opening of another Campaign.

I have thirty dollars due in Cash from Mr Rodman which is sufficient to pay David Bushnel & Tracey. if no other Means have been found for that Purpose. if there has I wish you to pay the said 30 doll. to pay Mr Fanning on acco of what I owe him.

We join in sending Love to sister & to all as due

Your affectionate Brother

J HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Genl Huntington Letter Mch 9 1783

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

West Point March 18th 1783

Dear Sir,

I doubt not you have heard of some Commotions in the Army. the Matter will wear as great a Variety of Guises as there may be Persons to tell the Story. there has indeed been a very artful & alarming Attempt to excite the Resentment of the Army against the Country for not having made & not having a Disposition to make Provision for the Payment of our just Dues. the Design has failed & the Army have publickly shewn their Disapprobation of it. the Proceedings on the Occasion are very long or I would give you a Copy of ym I think they will be printed & that they will afford great Satisfaction to every Friend of the Army & Lover of his Country.

My Waggon arrived last Evening. Bror Ebenr is hourly expected I find some of the Goods damaged.

A Paquet is in at Philadelphia from L'Orient which she left the 17th January. the Articles of Peace between America & G Brittain were concluded. some Obstacles in the Way of the Settlement between France & G B were removed. & the Minister writes he has more Hopes than Fears as to the Event.

The Western Country is given up to us south of the 45th Degree of N Latitude. The Fishery is left open to us. & indeed every Circumstance is as much in our Favor as we had any Reason to expect. We all desire to be remembered affectionately to you Sister & the Circle.

your Brother

JED HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Indorsed] Genl Huntington Letter Mch 18. 1783

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

West Point March 24th 1783.

Dear Bror

I have observed an Advertisement respecting Pay Table Orders drawn for State Bills. will it not be best to get mine converted into an Order on the Shilling Tax.

Bro^{r} Eb tells me he thinks you wished to have some of my tea. the Bearer is a footman therefore I cannot burden him, but I have sent a little. I have no Scales to weigh it. if you will accept it as a Gratuity you shall be very welcome.

There is a Paquet in at N York which left England the 16th Jan^{y}. consequently Nothing new respecting Peace. Gen^{l} Grey is coming out to succeed Sir G. Carleton. this Circumstance indicates War, but it may be merely ostensible

Remember me & mine to all as due.

your affectionate Brother

J HUNTINGTON

M^{r} ANDREW HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] M^{r}. ANDREW HUNTINGTON Merchant Norwich ℔ Edgerton

[Indorsed] Gen^{l} Huntington Letter M^{ch} 24. 1783

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO JOSHUA HUNTINGTON.

WEST POINT March 26 1783

Dear Brother

I have just Time to tell you that we have a Report, which we give Credit to, that the definitive Articles of Peace were signed the 20th of January & that Hostilities were to cease in America the 20th of this Month. We momently expect to have Official Advices. Love to Sister & all as due

your aff: Bro^{r}

J HUNTINGTON

Col HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Colonel HUNTINGTON Norwich

[Indorsed] Jed^{h} Huntington Letter March 26 1783

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

WEST POINT 10 April 1783

Dear Bro^{r}

Official Advices of the General Peace have arrived at New York. Arrangements are making for the disbanding

our Army. which will probably be effected in two or three Months. many Officers & Men will be greatly distressed for Want of their Pay as soon as the publick Subsistance fails them.

I observe an Advertisement in the N London Paper calling upon the Creditors of Eleazar Cary of Windham to bring in their Accounts. I have one against him which I wish you would be so good as to attend to.

I wrote you about my Order on the Treasurer for State Bills. that I thought best to get it out of the 1/ Tax lately laid. I observe that Aaron Barbur has paid his Note. I wish he had done the same by his Book Acc°. it gives me Pleasure to hear of the Dancing School. if the Master is a wellbred Man he will be of eminent Service to the Manners & Sentiments of his Pupils. Nancy & Mary join me in affectionate Remembrances, to you, Sister & the Circle.

your Bro^r

J HUNTINGTON

M^r ANDREW HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] M^r ANDREW HUNTINGTON Merchant Norwich
[Indorsed] Gen^l Huntington Letter Ap^l 10 1783

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

WEST POINT 16 April 1783

Dear Bro^r

hearing Nothing by M^r Goodell of some things I sent you & Sister Polly by a Son of Nathan Edgerton, I am anxious to know what is become of him & as Bro^r Eben has an Anxiety on the same Head on account of some Notes he sent to the Selectmen of the Town. I have dispatched a Man on Purpose to enquire into the Conduct of Edgerton & to know what is become of him. he ought to have returned Yesterday to Camp

I imagine you conjecture right as to many Persons speculating for Goods in N York. M^r Hubbard can tell you best when he returns. Eben is going in with Mary

Ann but he will make no Stay there. I am afraid Sir Guy will not take himself off under two or three Months.

Remember us to sister & all as due

your affe Bror

J HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntingtons Letter Apl 16 1783

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

West Point 1 May 1783

Dear Brother

since receiving your Letter of the 21st of last Month Bror Ebenr has returned from N York. as to buying Horses there he says so many have been claimed by the *rightful* Owners that it is dangerous to speculate in that Article.

Nancy & the Children are now in the City. the little ones are to be innoculated. so I do not expect to see ym these two or three Weeks.

Sir Guy is in no Haste to get away. he wants to see what is like to become of the Loyalists who wish to stay in the Country. I hope every State will have a just Sense of the Value & Importance of national Faith & pay a sacred Regard to the Treaty of Peace. at any Rate it is very impolitic to threaten the Tories whilst the british General has so much Power in his Hands and can put the Country to great Inconveniences.

We daily expect Orders from Congress to discharge the Soldiers engaged for the War, & probably Part of the others. I do not expect to return Home before July.

As to my Demand against French's Estate I do not know what Credit Bushnel is in. but I am willing to leave it with you to take his Terms or Parkins's. do for me as you would do for yourself.

Give my Love to Sister & to all as due from

your affectionate Brother

J HUNTINGTON

Mr Andrew Huntington
[Superscribed] To Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant
Norwich
[Indorsed] Genl Huntington Letter May 1st 1783

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON'S LETTER.

Dear Bror

I have but a Moments Time just to acknowledge your Favor by Nancy who, with the Chickens, returned to me last Evening. it is not likely I shall be at Home before fall as I do not expect the British will leave the Post before August or September

excuse Haste from
your Bror
J HUNTINGTON

Love to sister &C
5 June 1783
[Indorsed] Genl Huntingtons Letter 5 June 1783

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

West Point 3d July 1783.

Dear Sir,

I am just thinking it is full Time, if not too late to engage Butter for Family use next Winter. I wish you would bear me in Mind for a Firkin or two.

Congress have removed to Princetown on Account of the Insult they have lately received at Philadelphia. I wish they may continue where they are. the Place is on most Accounts more eligible than the other.

give my Love to Sister & the Friends from
your affecte Brother
J HUNTINGTON

P S. I should have mentioned a Cheese or two from Esqr Phelps farm. I mention only one or two as I do not know how I can pay for much, as I shall leave the Army with only publick Securities that will neither Pay Debts or support my Family. if I go to Lake Erie I shall not want

either Butter or Cheese for I intend to do without 'til I make it on my own Plantation. how does my Hay turn out. how does your Business succeed. what Vessels are you & Bro^{r} J concerned in. how is our good Father. What is Zech doing. &C &C &C

M^{r} ANDREW HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] M^{r} ANDREW HUNTINGTON Merchant Norwich To the Care of M^{r} Fanning

[Indorsed] Gen^{l} Jed Huntington Letter July 5. 1783

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

WEST POINT 3^{d} Sep^{r}. 1783

Dear Sir,

When I was at Home I did not think of a small Debt I owe Col. Rogers. I wish you would pay it. the Secretary at War tells us we shall be discharged by the first of October; if that should be the Case I shall probably be at Norwich before the End of the Month. a great Proportion of the Connecticut Officers here are trying to establish themselves in some way of Living in this State, so much affected are they with the unkind Disposition of many of their fellow Citizens in Connecticut. the Value of the Commutation, although it is to many of the Officers a very considerable thing, bears no Proportion to a Sense of the Ingratitude of the People. some of the leading Men in this State intend to profit by the Chagrin of our Officers, and lay before them Inducements to remain here by offering them Lands on very advantageous terms. If the Little Property I have in Norwich was in Cash I should fix myself here, as I could do it upon very good terms; but my Motives are less urgent than many others. because I must quit a large Circle of agreeable friends, and because I believe there is a more generous liberal Spirit prevailing in Norwich than in most other towns.

I wish you would buy me a few Loads of Wood. I am very anxious to hear how Brother Joshua does. pray write me by Post and give my, and Nancy's, Love to sister and all as due

your affectionate Brother

J HUNTINGTON

what will be the Price of Cider, flour.

how often is there Opportunities of a Passage from N York to Norwich. does Braddick or any other go regularly. my Mare & Colt are in fine Order for shiping will there be Vessels going from Norwich this fall, to the West Indies. do you think of being concerned in a Voiage to Grenada for the sake of recovering our family dues. I wish Capt Tracy would go there.

[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Genl Huntington Letter Sept 3d 1783

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

West Point Sepr 19. 1783

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 14th came to hand this Evening. I wish you to buy me half dozen Barrels Cyder, about a dozen Bushels of good Potatoes, two or three Bushels of Beats, a Bushel or two of Hazelnuts or (if they cannot be had) Walnuts. it gives me Pleasure to hear that Brother is in a hopefull Way of Recovery. tell him to be cautious of geting well too fast, lest he should relapse. it is a more than common sickly time throughout the Country. Capt Henry Champion of Colchester lately died in New York. our little Nancy has been ill of a fever for several Days. but I hope she will be better in a few days.

As to the Commutation, it will be impossible for the Officers to make any Compromise. Congress must find Means to discharge the debt. but if that was out of the Question I think, with you, that there are designing Men whose Views extend beyond Commutation. indeed some have been so much off their Guard as to say that now is the Time to expunge all publick debts. they are making a Dead Set at the upper House. if they can turn out the best Part of them, they say they can carry Points as they please. a kind Providence may overrule their evil Machinations for the firmer Establishment of our Government

my best Affections to Sister & the Circle.

from your affect Bror

J HUNTINGTON

If any, who owe me, should offer a new milch Cow, or one that will calve this fall I wish you would buy it. it is likely Tirrel would get one if you could give him Notice. I think it is likely he would *promise* to get me some other things. he now lives at Tolland. I shall want a shoat or two.

Nancy joins me in Love to all the friends, the little Nancys Illness takes up her Time and Attention so much that she cannot write by this Opportunity

Mr Andrew Huntington

[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Genl Huntingtons Letter Sept 19. 1783

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

West Point 9th Octor 1783

Dear Sir,

About the 20th of this Month I expect to move my family to New York in Order to embark them with Mr Moore for Norwich he is so good as to take Charge of them. I shall directly return to this Place & very soon after set out myself for Home. I propose to send my Mare & Colt by Kirtland in order that they may be ready for the West Indies If my Pastures are not good enough for them, I suppose Fathers are, if they are not, will you get somebody to keep them. I intend too to put Bristol under the Escort of Kirtland. presuming that Mama will give him a Birth in the Kitchen untill my family arrives. in the Mean while he might prepare some wood &C.

As I shall want an Apprentice in the Spring & some Body to help me before, I have thoughts of taking an Apprentice as soon as I can find one. the most expeditious Method will be to advertise. & therefore will be obliged to you to insert the following Advertisement & attend to such Applications as may be made until I come Home.

"Wanted an Apprentice to a Merchant, for particulars enquire of Andrew Huntington at his Store in Norwich."

The above I suppose will be sufficient & to have it continued for three weeks, in the N London paper. if some Cabbages, Pumpkins, crooked neck Squash, should present themselves I wish you would buy a doz of each.

Bro^{r} Eb: sets out in a Day or two for Home by the Way of New Haven & Wethersfield and means to bid his final Adieu to Camp

Love to Sister &C

your affec^{t} Brother

J HUNTINGTON

M^{r} HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] M^{r} ANDREW HUNTINGTON Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Gen^{l} Huntington Letter Octo^{r} 9 1783

GURDON SALTONSTALL TO CHRISTOPHER LEFFINGWELL.

NEW LONDON Dec^{r} 29, 1784

Christ Leffingwell Esq^{r}
Naval Officer for port Norwich

Yesterday afternoon I rec^{d} your letter of 22^{d} Inst with Copys of Cap^{t} Elisha Lathrop J^{rs} Manifest of Sloop Nabbys Entry, this Manifest on Oath, dated 4th Inst enclosed, and observe the contents, it would have been much more acceptable had it reached me sooner after s^{d} date of 22^{d} Inst

You are undoubtedly right in observing that every Citizen on proper application, has a right to Copies of any Publick Record. You observe that should you have made any mistake, in execution of your Office, it would have been friendly in me to have set you right; had I been equal to the proposal, how could I possibly have said more or less on the subject, being an entire Stranger to your conduct in office until yesterday afternoon, when abovesaid letter came to hand.

The Sloop Nabby late Commanded by Cap^{t} Elisha Lathrop Jun^{r}, is gone to Sea from this port, William Loring Mas^{t} (whether by the name Nabby or not do not know) with^{t} clearing out at the Naval Office for the Port of New London should he have cleared out at your Office, give

me a Coppy of his Clearance attested, & if he did not clear out at your Office, favor me with spedy advice.

I am with respect

Yr H St

G SALTONSTALL

Copy

New London Jany 21 1785

Sr

Foregoing is Copy of mine 29th ultº, sent you by the Post, since which, have none of your favors, & least it should have miscarried, send you sd Copy, & now repeat my request, that you would send me the Copy of Willm Lorings Clearance at your Office, if any, & if not, to advise me of it by the bearer, Mr Stephen Maynard* who will pay the expence in the Case.

Yr Hum St

G SALTONSTALL

[Superscribed] Christopher Leffingwell Esqr Norwich
℔ favr Mr Stephen Miner

[Indorsed] Genl Saltonstall Decr 29th 1784 & Jany 21 1785

WARNING FOR NORWICH CITY MEETING.

To either of the Sheriffs of the City of Norwich.

You are here by directed to warn a Meeting of the Court of Common Council of sd City to be holden at the Court House in sd City To Morrow at 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon to take into Consideration the Repealing of a certain By Law restraining Swine from going at large &C

City of Norwich Octo 10. 1785

JED HUNTINGTON, Senior Alderman

I have left a true Attested Copy of the within at the Dwelling House of Benjan Huntington Mayor of Sd City and at Usual Abode of Christopher Leffingwell Alderman of Sd City and have Read the within in the hearing of

Nathaniel Backus & Jared Tracy } Aldermen

* Apparently first written "Miner" and changed to "Maynard."

and in the hearing of

Zabdiel Rogers
Ephraim Bill
Caleb Huntington
Azariah Lathrop
Jacob De Witt
Simeon Huntington
Philip Turner
Benajah Leffingwell
John Bliss
Elisha Hyde
Joseph Howland
Jabez Perkins Junr

} Common Council Men

Test PEABODY CLEMENT Sheriff

[Indorsed] Order to Warn a Court of Common Council

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

NEW HAVEN Tuesday

dear Bror

I have not time to write you but a few Lines indeed a few Lines will communicate to You all the Business of Assembly that is completed. two small Acts have passed. one respecting poor debtors and the other in addition to the Law respecting the Duty of Listers. Males are to be Set in the List, 3 year old @ 60/ 2 years old @ 40/ Yearlings @ 20/. there are several Commees out. one on the Requisition of Congress

to encourage Agriculture & Manufactures
to frame Lottery or Lotteries to raise a
Sum of State & continental Securities
to consider Custom house fees
Excise & Impost

your affecte Bror

JED HUNTINGTON

Pearsall & Glover have some Coatings no Bays or flannels. they have some Articles that would sell but do not seem fond of extending their Connections on the Credit Line

[Superscribed] Mr ANDREW HUNTINGTON Norwich

[Indorsed] Genl Jed Huntington Letter Octor 17 1786

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ANDREW HUNTINGTON.

O. Wolcott	2213
Wm Wms	958
E. Wolcott	381
R. Law	514
D. Johnson	641
Wm Pitkin	336
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Votes for Lt Govr

Johnson	3744	*not in Council
Spencer	2918	
O. Wolcott*	903	
Wm Wms	3532	
Adams	2900	
B Huntg	3833	
Cook	3451	
Mitchel	3093	
Wm Hillhouse	3193	
E. Wolcot	3366	
Treadwell	2765	
Sturgis	2655	
Wadsworth	2532	
Js Hillhouse	1909	
Root	1542	
Chester	1674	
Chandler	1102	
Throop	1098	
Strong	1373	1385
	12	

May fryday

dr Bro.

I send you Sketch of Election it is conjectured there are Party folks at work to get Col Williams into Genl Wolcotts Place. the Business will be determined by the House this day.

Your affecte

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Mr Andrew Huntington Merchant Norwich favd by Doct Lathrop

[Indorsed] Genl Jedh Huntington Election May 1787

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON'S LETTER.

Octr 30th

Dear Sir,

I send you the Nomination. I will thank you to send to Chaltons for a Number of Childrens Shoes of ours and

send them to Jabez's Store

your affect[e] Bro[r]

J HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] [ ] HUNTINGTON

[Indorsed] Bro Jed Octo 30 1789

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

To the honourable General Assembly convened at New Haven Oct[r] 1789

The Subscriber most respectfully represents, that the Place he holds in the Customs will soon oblige him to forego the Honour of serving the State as Treasurer. it gives him great Pain to hear that any Gentleman has expressed the least Degree of Impatience because the Treasury has not been vacated. the Treasurer, conscious that his Accounts are faithfully kept, and that all the public Property, for which he is or may be answerable, will be fairly & honestly accounted for, could not consider the State exposed to any Injury by his Continuance in Office for a Short period. Upon his Appointment, not being able intirely to relinquish his private Concerns, he put the Transactions in the Treasury under such Arrangements & Checks as would secure himself & the State from Fraud & Imposition during his occasional absence, in which Respect the State of the Treasury continues the same.

The Assembly in their last Session were pleased to lay on the Treasurer a Task, not in its Nature incident to His Office, that of renewing the State Notes, Books were immediately prepared, and Notes signed, for the Execution of the whole Business, about half of which has been accomplished. to cause as little Delay as possible to those who presented their Notes for Renewal, other Branches of Business, which could be postponed with less Inconvenience, have given way to that. for which Reason the Accounts in general are not in that forwardness that they would otherwise have been in. the Treasurer is ambitious of exhibiting them in a point of Light that will save the Auditors any laborious Researches in the Examination. By the first of

March he will be able to complete his Books, state & arrange his Accounts & Vouchers for an Adjustment, and in the mean Time discharge the occurring Business of his Office. he therefore requests your Honours Permission to resign the Treasury at that Time, and that a Successor may be appointed then to enter on the Duties of his Office. or if it should not be agreeable to Your Honours to make an Appointment, the Treasurer will serve to the End of the Term for which he stands appointed.

JED HUNTINGTON Treasurer

[Indorsed] Treasurer Huntingtons Resignation Oct^{r} 1789

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ZACHARIAH HUNTINGTON.

N London 17th Nov.^{r} 1789

Dear Bro^{r}

I have in my Store 10 or 12 bushels of flaxseed, a Barrel of Hayseed, & a Barrel part full of N E Rum. I will be obliged to you to send them to Jabez. I spoke to Zeb. Smith who is Master of a Vessel of Jos Williams to take my Mare on Shares to Demarara if he goes there again I hope he will. how do you all do. I think it is Time for some of you to come & see us.

your affect^{e}

J HUNTINGTON

If I have any Corn left in my Store or any buck wheat is come from Deacon Griswold I wish you would send the whole to Jabez by first convenient Oppy

tell Bro^{r} A H I have rec^{d} the Grenada papers & will give them to Capt Fortune

[Superscribed] M^{r} Zac^{H} Huntington Merchant Norwich

[Indorsed] Bro^{r} Jed's Letter Nov^{r} 17 1789

JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON TO ASA SPALDING.

New London 29 Nov 1789

Sir

I have been sued for Jos Woodbridges Escape & have commenced a Suit against Williams As I had not an oppor-

tunity of sending you his B[ ] I employed Mr Perkins, who has the Care of the [ ] against me, as to that I wish to get rid of it in [ ] easiest Manner I can and to avoid all unneecessary Expence I have therefore proposed to Mr Perkins to take 200 dol. in hand, 200 more first of February & the rest the 1st of April. he has communicated the Proposal to Mr Price. I wish You to settle with Mr Perkins the Sum for which I am accountable.

I am Sir

Your hble Servant

JED HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] Asa Spalding Esqr Norwich

[Indorsed] Genl Huntington Letter 29th Novr 1789

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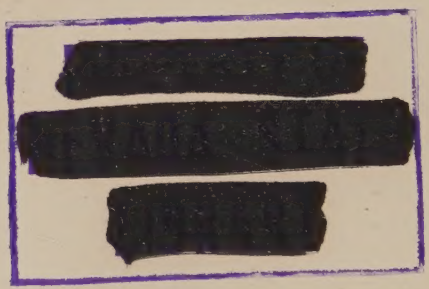

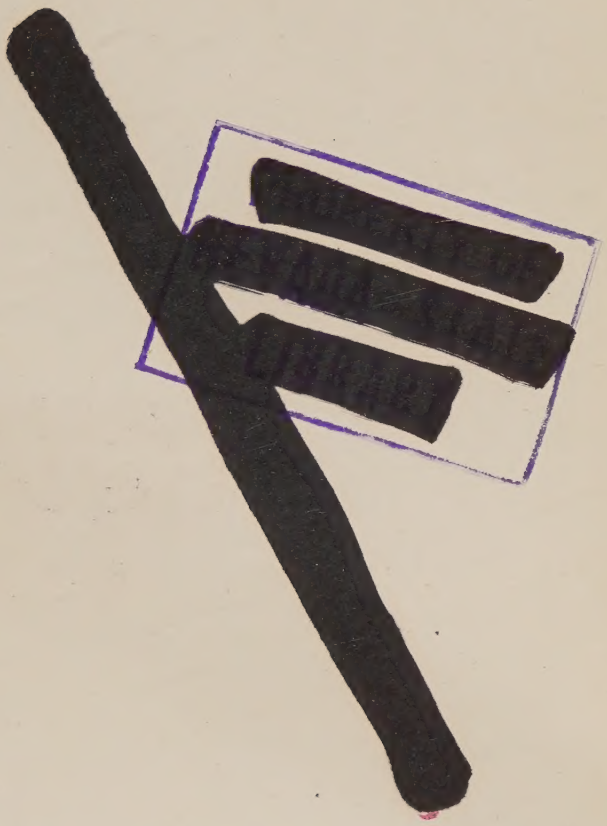

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